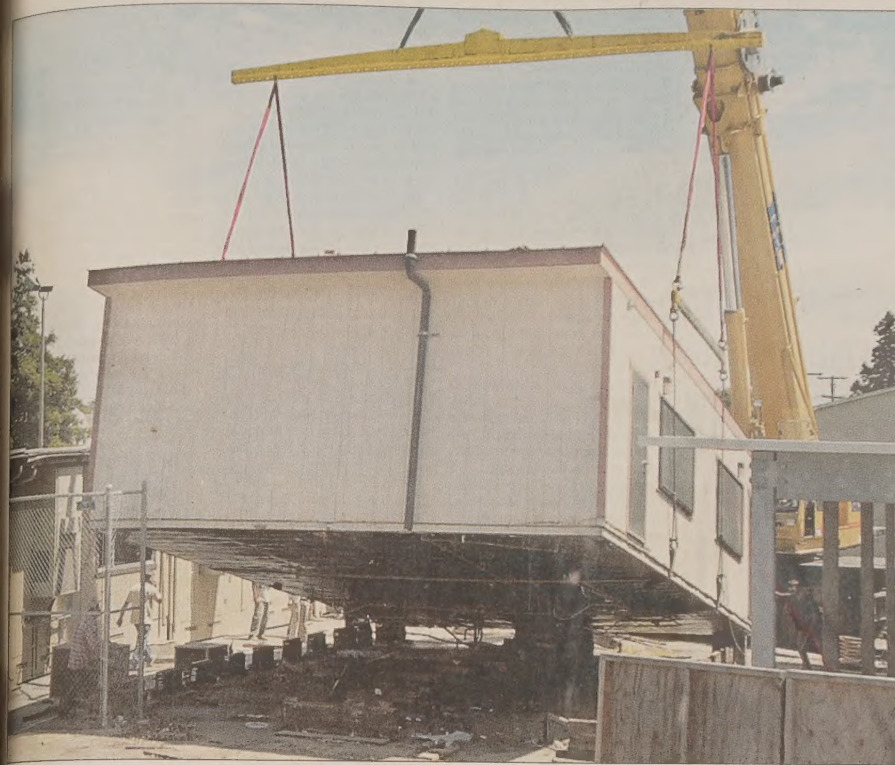


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WORKERS USE a crane to lift one of the many portables to be removed from Albany High School last Friday. With the new school nearing completion, the portables are no longer needed.

Lifting a burden from Memorial Park

Portable buildings on park tennis courts that housed Albany High are being removed

By Kate Darby Rauch
TIMES STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The screech of heavy machinery is mingling with the sounds of children playing at Albany's Memorial Park

as crews clear away 35 portable buildings that have formed Albany High School for the past three years.

In addition, the northbound side of Key Route Boulevard, closed since construction of the new high school began, was reopened last week.

For most, the noise is welcome. It proves the newly constructed high school, next door to the park, will be open in the

fall. It also means the park land occupied by the portables will be returned to its previous life as tennis courts.

"Now our work has begun," said City Councilman Jon Ely of the work needed to restore the tennis courts.

As for the airy new three-story building getting its final construction touches this summer.

"It's spectacular," said assistant schools superintendent Wal-

ter Wallace.

The school will open in September to an estimated 920 students and has been built within budget, Wallace said.

In 1997, using a \$22 million emergency construction grant from the state, the school district began work on a new high school, replacing the 50-year-old brick building that had been

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Mill & Lumber plan approved

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In the end everybody had their say, all five councilmembers got to vote and the Mill & Lumber apartment complex is coming to town. On Wednesday the City Council voted 4-1 to approve the controversial project that will bring 126 apartments (and 32 live/work units), 8,520 square feet of retail space and up to 27,250 square feet of office space to the 4.2 acres formerly known as the El Cerrito Mill and Lumber Co. at San Pablo Avenue and Schmidt

Lane.

The project will include 15 percent affordable housing priced for low and moderate incomes and the 32 live/work units that will be promoted as office space. Kearney Street will retain its current width of 42 feet and the ridgeline height of the building fronting San Pablo Avenue was approved at 42.5 feet. The developer will pay \$15,000 for traffic calming measures in the Richmond Annex area and will either provide 1.6 acres of park-

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Police seek leads in fatal stabbing

■ The July 6 stabbing of Rogelio Dechavez is the city's first murder since December 2000

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Although they cannot divulge many details, police report that they are working hard to solve the July 6 murder of an El Cerrito man in his apartment.

On July 6 at 8:11 p.m. officers of the ECPD responded to a report of a "person down" inside an apartment in the 6400 block of Waldo Avenue. Upon arrival police found the victim, a 22-year-old Filipino man, with multiple knife wounds.

The victim, identified by police as Rogelio Dechavez, was pronounced dead at the scene by



EL CERRITO POLICE/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

POLICE ARE asking for the public's help to find the killer of Rogelio Dechavez.

an EMT of the El Cerrito Fire Department that also responded to the call. The Contra Costa

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School board members refute claims made in recall effort

■ Bill Cain and Marsha Skinner are the targets of a push launched by a school parent

By Matt Petersen
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Plans are still in the works to go ahead with a recall of two seats of the board of education even though one of the targeted board members will not run for reelection come November of 2002.

A draft asking for permission to gather signatures for President Marsha Skinner, who plans on serving out the last of her term in 2002, and Director Bill Cain has sent back for corrections to John Kendall, a parent in the USD, at the Alameda county

registrar of voters. A representative in the registrar's office declined to site what was wrong with the submittal other than there were procedural errors.

Skinner and Cain were presented with recall papers at the June 12 and 26 board meetings respectively by Kendall. In the papers the board members are charged with bad faith bargaining and a general delay in giving answers to the public concerning budget issues, and contend that the board walked out of a December meeting.

Once permission is granted by the county registrars office, Kendall will have 90 days to compile the 25 percent signatures needed of the 9,000-plus voters of Albany. Kendall maintains that the city needs a board run with more of an emphasis toward the

teachers, and one that echoes more of a community voice.

"Definitely with Marsha out of there, (things) will be a lot better," said Kendall, contend that board members are "there to serve the public and they aren't serving the public."

To put things lightly, it has been a trying last eight months for the board. On top of overseeing the completion of construction of the new high school and changes in curriculum at the middle school, board members have been steeped in budget quandaries, most notably their tennis match battle with the teachers union, which has turned down the district's last two offers and has voted to authorize a strike.

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Applicants sought for board opening

ALBANY — Applications are being accepted by the Albany Unified School District for the position of provisional board member, due to last month's resignation of member Owen T. Jones.

Applications may be obtained from the Albany Unified School District web site: www.albany.k12.ca.us (go to the Board of Education section), the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., or the Office of the Superintendent at the Albany Unified School District Office, 904 Talbot Ave. in Albany.

Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, July 16. The first round of interviews will be July 23-24 (two days if there is a large number of applicants); the

second round of interviews will be Aug. 1-2.

Qualifications for the position of board member are: 18 years old or older; California citizen; resident of Albany; registered voter for at least 30 days preceding his/her appointment; and not disqualified by the Constitution or laws of the state from holding a civil office.

Term of service will expire in November 2002, unless reelected. For more details, contact the Office of the Superintendent, 510-558-3766.



AHMAD MOGHADAM, a sixth-grader at Kensington Elementary School, looks on in confidence at his opponent during a match on June 29 in Berkeley.

Chess club visit a cultural victory

By Paula King

STAFF WRITER

When the Berkeley Bishops squared off against the Irish Chess Union once again June 30, the Berkeley Chess School was filled with the silence of deep concentration — followed by cheers of victory.

Last summer, the Bay Area youths spent 10 days just outside of Dublin in the community of Straffan. Many of the Irish kids are currently enjoying their first trip to the United States, seeing the local sights while staying with

families in Oakland, El Cerrito, Kensington, Redwood City, Emeryville, Orinda and Corte Madera.

Among their outings on the nine-day cultural exchange here are the UC Berkeley campus, Marine World, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, China-town, Muir Woods, the wine country and an Oakland Athletics home game.

"We got to see their culture last year and now they get to see ours," says Orinda Intermediate School student Charlie Sprague.

Charlie's father, Charles Sprague, says the exchange program was designed to expose the chess students to various cultures and variations in the game.

"It's mostly about the cultural exchange, but it's also a chance for them to play kids from far away," he says. "The students from here have already learned about the competition locally. Now, they can see how students from other places are taught somewhat differently."

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Great books group

Great Books Reading Discussion Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. The next meeting is July 17. Topic: Plato's Apology. Location: Albany Library (1247 Marin Ave.) in the Edith Stone Room. For more information call Lucy Fields, 510-526-8752.

Restore Cerrito Creek

Join Friends of Five Creeks in removing garbage and invasive weeds preparing to restore lower Cerrito Creek, 10 am Saturday, July 21. Bring work gloves and clippers or weeding tools if you have them. Meet at Creekside Park (south end of Santa Clara or Belmont Street), El Cerrito. 510 848 9358, f5creeks@aol.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

SF Improv at Eclectica

SF Improv is performing at Café Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave. in Albany on Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Have a night cap along with some madcap improvised comedy and musical theater, created on the spot by your suggestions. For details on the free improv show call 510-527-2344.

Hanin at ECDC meeting

El Cerrito City Manager Scott Hanin,

has agreed to speak at the July 24 meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club. The 8 p.m. discussion of local regional issues from the perspective of the club and city officials follows the general meeting at 7 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito. Details: 510-524-4659.

Basketball Jones Hoop Camps

The sixth annual Basketball Jones Hoop Camps take place July 23-27 at Pinole Valley High School, 2600 Pinole Valley Road in Pinole. The camp runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and is open to boys and girls ages 7-15. Camp fee is \$160 for the week. Walk-up registration is available. Register online at www.basketballjonescamps.com, or call 800-348-3803 for an application.

Kensington reading fun

The annual summer reading program "Treasure Your Library" takes place through Aug. 18, and is a "treasure hunt" for good books to read. Children can pick up their reading packets starting today and prizes will be awarded those who complete it by reading ten books by Saturday, Aug. 18. The Kensington Library is open from 1-6 p.m. on Mondays, noon-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, closed Wednes-

days, open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 1-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, regularly closed on Sundays and holidays. The phone number is 510-524-3043.

Poetry programs

Come to First Thursdays and Second Wednesdays at the Albany Library. First Thursdays include an open mike and featured poet. Second Wednesdays are a poetry writing workshop, led by Allison Seavek. This month's is July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 526-3720 ext 19.

Albany reading fun

An exciting summer is in store for kids at the Albany Library. Become a knight and go out on the dragon quest. By reading books you can find the dragon and win prizes. The game sign-ups are now open and the game goes all summer through Aug. 18. Summer programs sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library include: Nick Barone Puppet Show, Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m.; Cotton Candy Express, Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. Wednesday afternoon films run at 2 p.m., July 11 through Aug. 15 for (ages 3 to 8). For more information call: 526-3720.

POLICE REPORTS

Tireless thieves swipe Camaro wheels

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the morning of June 22 a resident on the 700 block of Solano Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his Ford pickup and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of June 24 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his blue and silver '94 Chevrolet Astro during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 7:15 p.m. on June 24 a Richmond resident reported that within the previous 30 minutes, thieves had stolen his red Buick with white vinyl top that was parked at a restaurant on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 7:30 p.m. on June 24 a resident at 555 Pierce Street reported that thieves had stolen the tires off his green '69 Chevrolet Camaro. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of June 24 a resident on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the fog lights off his beige '84 BMW. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 11 a.m. on June 25 a Berkeley woman reported that about 30 minutes prior, while she was near Solano and Santa Fe avenues, a thief had come up behind her on a bicycle, grabbed her wallet and sped off. She described the thief as a black male, 18-20 years old. Police are investigating.

■ On the afternoon of June 25 a resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported that during the previous night thieves had stolen the car stereo out of his unladen blue '91 Toyota Tercel. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of June 26 an employee at a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that during the night vandals had written graffiti on the building windows and the company vans. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 p.m. on June 27 a resident on the 800 block of

Adams Street reported that a subject described as a Hispanic male, 30-40 years old, about 5-foot-10, weighting 210 pounds, wearing a light blue denim shirt, brown pants, brown belt and sun glasses, coerced a 14-year-old girl into letting him into her apartment. After threatening her and scaring her he departed. Police are investigating.

■ On the morning of June 29 a business on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that thieves had stolen newspapers from in front of his store. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of June 29 a resident on the 800 block of Kains Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into his black '89 Honda Accord and stolen items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 5:30 p.m. on June 29 officers responded to an audible alarm at the Mechanics Bank on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. The suspect was last seen driving east on Washington Avenue then West on Garfield Street in a blue truck. Officers found a ski mask that had been thrown out of the vehicle. Police are investigating.

■ On the evening of June 29 a resident on the 800 block of Cerrito Street reported that thieves had stolen the earthquake supplies from her home. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 1 a.m. on June 30 officers arrested a 32-year-old Berkeley man on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for public substance abuse and for buying or receiving stolen property. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 7 a.m. on June 30 officers stopped a brown '80 Buick near Buchanan and Jackson Streets for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 28-year-old Oakland woman, was found to have outstanding warrants from Oakland in the amount of \$5,000. She was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 12:30 p.m. on June 30 an Albany woman reported that a black male in his 20s,

wearing a gray knit cap and jeans, brandished a knife while she was walking on Berkeley Avenue near Gilman Street. The subject stole the woman's pants and was last seen departing in a beige colored beat up sedan. Police are investigating.

■ At about 12:15 a.m. on June 30 officers stopped a red '94 Buick san near San Pablo and Broadway Avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 28-year-old Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated. He failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested. He was cited and held to be released when sober.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on June 30 officers responded to the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of an assault. They returned to the location at about 2:30 a.m. and arrested a 26-year-old Richmond man for assault with a deadly weapon, for making threats and for fighting. He was transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the evening of July 1 officers stopped a burgundy colored Ford Escort near San Pablo Avenue and Clay Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 29-year-old Oakland man, was found to have outstanding Oakland warrants totaling \$1,600. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the afternoon of July 1 a resident on the 900 block of Broadway Street reported that thieves had stolen her bike from her yard. There were no witnesses.

During the time of June 29 through July 6 officers towed nine vehicles, responded to 19 false alarms, attended to 19 or deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the domestic violence officers responded to one domestic dispute, 39 civil disturbances, and stopped 282 people or vehicles issuing 190 citations and 92 warnings. Albany firefighters responded to two fire calls and 15 medical emergency calls.

Man's 'return policy' too liberal for store

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — On July 7 at 4:15 p.m. police responded to a reported shoplifting suspect being detained by employees at the Plaza Longs Drug store. The suspect, a 42-year-old San Pablo man, apparently had a little scam going that was thwarted by sharp-eyed employees. He would pick up discarded receipts from the parking lot outside the store then enter the store to remove an item from the shelf and obtain a refund for the supposedly purchased item. The man was arrested for burglary and theft with prior theft convictions and taken to county jail in Martinez.

■ On July 6 just after 10 a.m. an El Cerrito police officer noticed a "suspicious vehicle" at a motel in the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue. It was soon discovered that the California Highway Patrol had reported the vehicle as stolen earlier that same day. The five occupants were promptly arrested without incident for motor vehicle theft and possession of stolen property. Those arrested were a 28-year-old Martinez man, a 19-year-old El Sobrante resident, a 19-year-old Richmond resident and two juveniles. The adults were taken

to county jail and the youths were released to parents.

■ On July 4 at 1:45 a.m. police noticed a bicyclist riding in the dark on Portola Drive near Ranchito Court without required lights and helmet. The bicyclist, a 39-year-old Berkeley woman, was found to be in possession of a hypodermic syringe and suspected methamphetamine and arrested.

■ On July 2 at 11:50 a.m. police received a report of a suspected forger at the Bank of America on San Pablo Avenue. An 18-year-old Oakland man had been detained at the bank for allegedly trying to cash a forged or stolen check. The suspect was arrested by police and subsequently released pending further investigation.

■ On June 28 at 8:30 p.m. police received a report of someone passing forged and fictitious checks. The suspect passed six fictitious checks with another

person's checking account number printed on them. They totaled to \$1,686.08. It is not known if the suspected forger got the victim's checking account number.

■ On June 25 at 2:50 p.m. a 53-year-old Richmond man was stopped by employees in the green's store on San Pablo Avenue. The suspect had reportedly concealed "miscellaneous stolen merchandise" in his clothing when he intended to steal and was arrested by police.

■ Sometime between June 24 at 5 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. somebody reportedly siphoned about \$20 worth of gasoline from a Chevy El Camino parked in a house in the 1400 block of S Street. There were no known witnesses.

■ On June 24 at 8:30 p.m. report of "disobedience of court order" was made to police. A year-old man had reportedly

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Chamber golfers win tournament

SEWALL GLINTERNICK
El Cerrito Chamber

A team of four golfers from the El Cerrito Chamber walked off with championship honors in the First Annual East Bay Chamber Challenge. First place winners in the competition held June 26 at Tilden Park Golf Course were El Cerrito golfers Marge and Marvin Collins, Sil Addiego and Rena Bruton. As victors over teams from chambers in Emeryville, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and Richmond, each member of the local foursome was awarded a commemorative ceramic pot. The team was also awarded possession of a large perpetual trophy in the form of a large ceramic golf ball, which will be on display at the Chamber office at 10848 San Pablo Ave. Their championship effort in the initial Chamber Challenge won the El Cerrito team the right to host next year's tournament at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club.

Union new associate member

As part of its community outreach program to business, government and non-profit organizations, Local 1179 of the United Food & Commercial Workers Union has become the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce's newest associate member. The UFCW Local 1179 represents more than 5,500 retail workers in Contra Costa County, more than 500 of whom live or work in El Cerrito for such employers as Safeway, Albertson's and See's Candies. "We believe," declared 1179 President Barbara Carpenter, "that the Chamber of Commerce provides businesses and the community organizations with opportunities to work for the common good of the entire community."

UFCW Local 1179, formerly known as the Retail Clerks Union, is — in conformance with the new trends in West County growth — active in promoting a diverse business climate in Contra Costa County with opportunities for both large and small businesses to work with organized labor in a partnership for community



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

TO THE VICTORS go the spoils:- Two of the Chamber's champion golfers, Marge Collins and Sil Addiego, admire the first place trophies they won in the recent First Annual East Bay Chamber Golf Challenge. Rounding out the winning foursome were Rene Bruton and Marvin Collins.

progress. President Carpenter was named "Labor Leader of the Year" in 2000 by the Contra Costa Central Labor Council for her contributions to the area's labor movement. The Union's main office is located in Martinez.

Three more reinvest

In the past two weeks three more members have extended their membership in the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce for another year. Showing their support by reinvesting were Daria's Baby Boutique, Summerville At El Cerrito Royale and Edward Jones Co.

'Fund-raiser' underway

Early returns in the El Cerrito Chamber's "Problem-Free Fund Drive" indicate a strong interest on the part of members to come to the organizations assistance.

Denied its major fund-raiser of the year — the October Fiesta — due to construction at El Cerrito Plaza, the Chamber last week turned to its membership to raise money for its dwindling operating fund. Despite the fact we need money we don't want to raise the dues.

At the same time, we feel there's no reason to inconvenience our members any more than necessary. So, for that reason we have sent 'invitations' to all our members for a very unusual fund-raising event — or to be more accurate, a special non-event.

The Chamber's first "Summer non-Dinner non-Dance" doesn't require anyone to dress up and go out for an evening of mediocre food and loud, tiring music. To participate all participants need to do is stay home, take it easy and enjoy themselves — and, of course, donate whatever they wish to the Chamber's treasury. It's our sincere hope that people will enjoy the humor of our "invitation" and send us a substantial check.

All members of the public who failed to get an invitation in the mail are also cordially invited to join the Chamber membership in not attending our very first Summer non-Dinner non-Dance. To cover the cost of staying home all a person needs to do is help out by sending a check to the El Cer-

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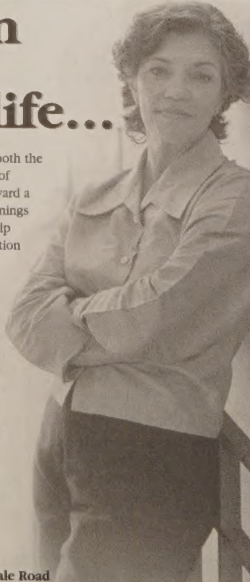
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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany mayor will hold office hours

ALBANY — Mayor Allan Maris will be having office hours at the Café Eclectica, 1309 Solano Avenue at Pomona on Saturday, July 21, from 9-11 a.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 7-9 a.m.

This is an opportunity for adults and youth to visit the year-old teen café and express views on the state of the city. Maris will also have information and questions for the public.

Schools grant award adds up to \$400,000

The West Contra Costa Unified School District has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative to improve student achievement and help teachers better meet student needs.

The grant will be shared by three partnerships in the school district: Castro Elementary, Portico Middle and El Cerrito High schools; Dover and Downer elementary schools and Richmond High School; and North Campus Continuation School.

The grant is part of \$14 million the Bay Area collaborative is doling out to 91 schools in 18 school districts in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Founded in 1995, the collaborative is a private nonprofit group that helps K-12 public schools. The grant is financed by a total of \$40 million in grants from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation of Menlo Park and from the Annenberg Foundation of St. Davids, Pa.

The schools will use the money to focus on specific achievement problems and look for innovative ways to solve them.

The reform grants will be renewable annually and will run for three or four years. The district partnerships may grow to include other schools, especially those with high levels of poverty among students.

Update on EC park clubhouses

EL CERRITO — Recreation Director Monica Kortz reports that Measure-A funded renovations at the Harding Park and Huber Park clubhouses are "virtually complete." Additionally, Kortz said that all of the interior improvements at Poinsett Park Clubhouse are completed, but exterior site work there has been delayed.

"Relocation of the guy wire for the new driveway to the handicapped accessible parking space as indicated in the construction documents is pending an action and decision by PG&E," Kortz said. "The handicapped accessible parking space will be located west of the building and requires a new driveway in the area of the existing joint power pole and guy wire. The

guy wire for the utility pole will need to be relocated by PG&E."

The project architect has said the driveway could be moved three or four feet away from the pole and guy wire, Kortz said and added that staff is working to resolve the problem as soon as possible so that other work can be completed.

El Cerrito lauds Parks and Recreation

EL CERRITO — The City Council has declared July to be Recreation and Parks Month in El Cerrito. "Parks and recreation strengthens community image and sense of place and increases cultural unity," the proclamation states. "Parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, reduces health care costs, fosters human development, helping young people develop and grow into healthy adults and helping adults continue to live longer."

The mayor and council urged all residents to enjoy the benefits of the city's Recreation Department "which provides something of value to everyone."

Creek group takes on habitat project

RICHMOND — The Friends of Baxter Creek are branching out. This fall the group will begin a new program with Mira Vista Elementary School in Richmond. FOBC and the Aquatic Outreach Institute have received funding for the Children's Wetland and Wildlife Habitat Garden Project.

The project will help restore a seven-acre parcel of rare serpentine grassland adjacent to the school. It will involve schoolchildren and local community groups including the Mira Vista Neighborhood Association and FOBC. Volunteers will identify, weed around and propagate native plants found at the site. They will also restore a freshwater seep at the grasslands. Restoration efforts will be concentrated in the northeast corner of the field where plants like lupines, soaproot and blue-eyed grass, among others, can be found.

"It's a seven-acre field, but one to two acres of this field are actually relatively pristine grassland," said Apple Szostak, coordinator for FOBC. "Because of its mineral composition, weeds don't do as well on it," Szostak said. "The field is really a remnant of what El Cerrito and the Richmond hills used to look like," she added. "It has this tremendous variety, of certain areas, of these beautiful flowers that are California natives."

The project will be administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and is funded by the Nature Restoration Trust, a grant program funded by PG&E. For more information about the Children's Wetland and Wildlife Habitat Garden Project call Szostak at 510-231-5778 or email apple@aoainstitute.org.

Albany's 'status quo' budget maintains services

■ Unlike many Bay Area communities, city won't benefit much from last year's booming economy

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The good news in the city's proposed 2001-02 budget is that there's enough money to maintain services without cuts or trimming, said Ann Ritzma, assistant city manager. It's a "status quo" budget, she said.

The bad news is that Albany won't benefit much from last year's booming state economy, which gave many Bay Area communities some extra padding this year, Ritzma said.

"We didn't see the gains in the economy that other cities saw," she said.

Property tax revenues are still strong compared to a few years ago, reflecting the hot real estate

market. But without major retail or office space, Albany is only minimally affected by the sales tax increases associated with economic upswings, Ritzma said.

The proposed budget, which was presented to the City Council last week, projects \$11.3 million in expenses for the fiscal year that began July 1.

The council approved the budget at Monday night's meeting.

With a new city manager and finance director on board, city staff decided to switch back to a one-year budget. For the past six years, the city has used a two-year period for its financial planning.

A one-year budget makes it easier for new staff to become familiar with the city's finances, Ritzma said.

As usual, the largest piece of the budget pie, at \$3.4 million, is targeted for the police department. The second largest, or \$2.1 million, is earmarked for the fire department and emergency med-

ical services. Community Development department, which handles planning and zoning, is estimated to receive \$1.8 million.

In presenting the budget, City Manager Beth Pollard alerted the City Council to a potential future financial problem the council needs to address.

As with many small cities, Albany is primarily self-insured, meaning it maintains a fund to cover claims against the city. Being self-insured is more cost-effective for some cities than buying insurance.

The city pools its money with other cities to buy limited coverage, but the bulk of liability costs are paid from the general fund.

Albany's current liability fund is considerably below the recommended amount, Ritzma said.

Recent changes in accounting standards urge cities to maintain larger amounts of money for claims than previously recommended, she said.

The projected budget contains

\$18,370 to cover general liability, such as lawsuits against the city for damage caused to cars by falling branches or pot holes.

The fund for worker's compensation and employee claims is projected to have a \$250,000 deficit, which means the city would have to dig into other funding to cover it.

The city's accounting consultant looked at past claims to recommend that the city increase its general liability pot to \$324,000 and its worker's compensation funds to \$739,000.

The increases don't need to be made right away, but should occur within a couple of years, Ritzma said.

The city is considering a recommendation by city manager Pollard to set aside any surplus or unspent money in this or next year's budget for its liability funds. If surpluses don't exist, the council must choose other ways to bolster the funds.

Poor attendance proves costly to school district

■ West County schools will get \$900,000 less because, despite higher enrollment, fewer students are going to class

By Suzanne Pardington
STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — Despite a 300-student jump in enrollment, the West Contra Costa Unified School District will miss roughly \$900,000 in funding this school year because fewer students are attending class.

The decline in the attendance rate, which determines how much money the district receives from the state, comes as the district prepares to tighten its belt to pay for increased energy costs, employee raises, and new jobs at Hercules Middle/High School in

the 2001-02 school year.

"It makes it really tough for us to make any kind of (budget) projections," said Superintendent Gloria Johnston. "You can have more kids but generate less money because they don't come to school."

The district gets paid only for the students who show up to school each day. Enrollment rose from 34,214 students in the 1999-2000 school year to 34,500 in 2000-2001. But the average daily attendance for the same period fell from 31,792 to 31,771, hundreds less than school officials expected.

Johnston said the district plans to investigate why more students are missing class. She said some school officials suspect that more poor families have moved to the district to escape high rents in San Francisco. They

stay with friends or move from apartment to apartment, making it hard for children to attend school consistently.

The funding drop is offset this school year by a \$1 million increase in state reimbursements.

Eve Manalo, assistant superintendent of fiscal services, said the district was more vigilant in keeping track of the costs of state-mandated programs, such as health screenings and physical fitness tests, and asking for reimbursement.

But the district may still have to make cuts to balance the 2001-2002 budget.

For the second year, Manalo said the district must set aside up to \$3 million in case the district's appeal of a 1999 attendance audit fails. In the audit, the state controller's office accused the district of claiming unde-

served millions in attendance-based funding since 1996-97.

If an appeals panel upholds the controller's findings, the district may have to repay up to \$10 million to the state and could lose millions more in future funding. The panel could rule on the appeal at its May 25 meeting.

New expenses next year include \$600,000 more for energy, \$1.4 million for raises and \$1.2 million to staff the new middle and high school opening in Hercules next fall.

"There may be cuts," Manalo said. "But we don't know how much and how extensive."

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Assessment rates areas lacking in West Contra Costa school district

RICHMOND — summary of an improvement plan mandated by a state law providing \$4 million in funding was released West Contra Costa Unified School District officials last week.

The Assessment and Improvement Plan prepared by the school district's Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team under Contra Costa County schools superintendent Joseph Owick and the team's chief operating officer, Joel Montero, was a provision of Assembly Bill 2265 by East Bay Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley.

School district spokesman Paul Ehara said the legislation was itself a response to "sustained efforts by community members and local legislators" to get at least some relief for the burden placed on the district by its state loan.

The report reviews five major operation areas, including community relations and personnel, pupil, financial and facilities management. The areas were rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 the highest possible, and got, respectively, scores of 6.27, 5.30, 2.76, 4.38 and 5.26.

The document catalogs a wide range of deficiencies and inefficiencies against which the district is struggling. It warns that the district "does not have an effective program of preventive maintenance for major systems," which, it says, is "clearly a result of inadequate funding levels."

The report says that the re-

sulting absence of preventive maintenance leads to a "reduced useful life of major systems and higher long-term life cycle maintenance costs."

"The district also had not implemented a planned program maintenance system, another means of extending the useful life of major systems," the report says.

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VIEWPOINT

District actions on language instruction belie its mission

By Claire Murphy

My daughter entered the seventh grade this year enthusiastic about learning a foreign language. And like the thousands of seventh graders who have attended Albany Middle School over the past 20 years she had this learning opportunity for a full academic year. Unfortunately, her sister will not have the same opportunity because amidst all the chaos surrounding the Albany School District's labor and budget problems, the middle school's seventh grade language program has quietly disappeared.

Some time in March, without any public discussion, the school board directed the middle school principal, Marla Stephenson, to eliminate foreign language as a required course for the seventh grade students. Rather than offer students the option of taking foreign language as a year-long elective, Ms. Stephenson has made it part of a quarterly elective wheel. Thus, a long-standing academic requirement was replaced with the scholastic equivalent of a sampler, featuring a little bit of this and a little bit of that, but no in-depth study of anything. So, instead of providing middle school children with two years of foreign language in seventh and eighth grade, henceforth they will only receive such instruction for one year, in the eighth grade.

Last year when one of the regular Spanish teachers left unexpectedly, I had the opportunity to step into her place on

a part-time, temporary basis. During that time I had the opportunity to talk with the principal as both a parent and as a member of the school staff. Over the year, Ms. Stephenson communicated to me and to other parents and teachers how much she valued the learning of foreign language at an early age. Her action in eliminating the seventh grade foreign language opportunities appears to conflict with her own professed values.

One of the stated goals of the Albany district's mission statement is the "development of ... learners equipped with knowledge and skills to successfully participate in and contribute to this global community." As such, the district recognizes that our world is becoming more diverse in terms of both culture and economics. What better way to prepare our students to participate in this diverse world than to make the learning of foreign language and cultures an integral part of the strong core academic curriculum? Does the middle school administration not recognize how a strong foreign language program can provide students with the skills to successfully participate in and contribute to this global community? And why would a leader of an educational institution tell parents and teachers how much she values the early learning of foreign language and then deny students that very opportunity? Clearly the actions of the middle school administration indicate that it does not support the early learning of foreign language.

Little gained by school board recall effort

Besides our professional pursuits, some of us answer a call to the community through volunteerism.

I choose to provide youth recreational venues in baseball and football programs — probably 900 hours a year in the last several years. And I know that 35 of my 52 weekends are taken up by my work with youths. The real satisfaction comes from touching the lives of 7- to 15-year-olds and knowing you may have done something to keep them out of risk.

Other folks run for City Council, sit on advisory committees, raise funds, coach, and the like. All such people have one thing in common: They hold true the simple philosophy that participation in the privileges of society precludes participation in the responsibilities, as well.

All endeavors that touch children rise to a higher level. Teachers, for example — the primary career path with volunteerism built right in — fit

that description.

In my volunteer efforts I've learned that the more you do, the more they will expect. And don't be looking for praise and acknowledgement. Your efforts must be selfless.

My point? Although I feel teaching is a higher calling, the professionals who choose that field must also earn enough to survive.

Therefore, when I see this in-fighting between teachers and the Albany school board members, it really bothers me. I propose the Albany teachers, whom I support, reflect on the fact that the school board members volunteer their time on that board. By attempting a recall of those volunteers, the concept of volunteerism is undermined.

This recall business must stop now. Besides being an embarrassment to Albany, our first consideration must be our kids' welfare.

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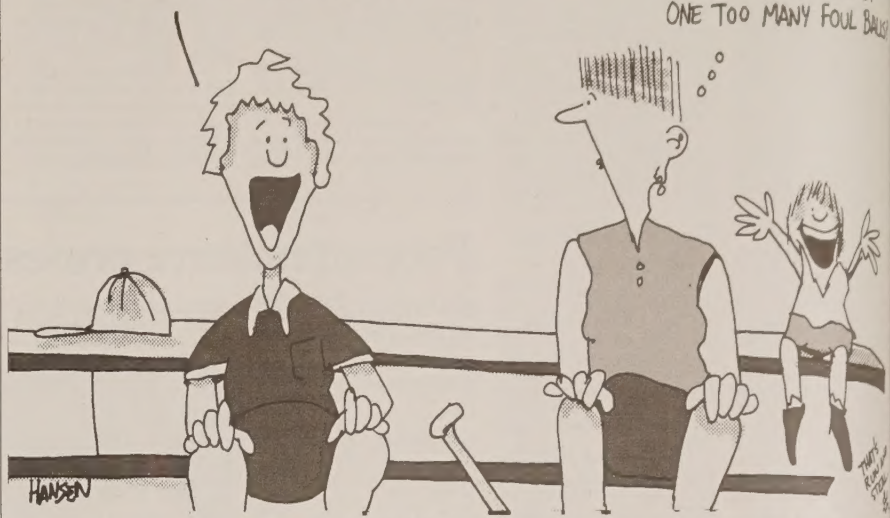
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pedestrians also to blame for accidents

Regarding the recent attention given to pedestrian safety:

I am someone who can see the issue on both sides. Since I am a wheelchair user, I am very conscious of pedestrian safety, especially since cars have difficulty seeing wheelchairs crossing the street.

I also drive my own wheelchair-accessible van. I lived in Berkeley for 22 years (1977 to 1999) and during those two decades there was a gradual deterioration of pedestrian behavior. Pedestrians gradually stopped observing traffic laws during my last decade in Berkeley, and by the time I moved back to El Cerrito, Berkeley pedestrians routinely crossed against red lights.

A car traveling and seeing a green light is not expecting a pedestrian to suddenly step off the curb directly into the path of his car, but this is what the majority of Berkeley pedestrians now do, especially in the downtown and campus areas.

I don't think it's fair to blame drivers for all of the increase in pedestrian traffic accidents. The pedestrians themselves are at least 50 percent accountable. They have to obey the laws in order to be more effectively protected by them.

As for the bicyclists, they never stopped for red lights or stop signs during the entire time I lived in Berkeley.

I now live in my original hometown of El Cerrito where — what a concept — pedestrians actually obey traffic laws (with the exception of some of the junior high and high school students).

Martha Colburn
El Cerrito

Power for affluent?

I am not sure. Will raising the prices of all energy sources provide us with more energy or will it only make it possible for the affluent to be able to get all they want and need and the common people to freeze, sweat and walk?

Earl H. Cook
El Cerrito

Plan for future

I recently received a postcard from El Cerrito Citizens Alliance questioning the wisdom of high-density residential development rather than commercial/retail development at the Mill and Lumber site.

I do not share the alliance's perspective. I have always been a strong proponent of centralizing business areas along San Pablo Avenue, not the concept fashionable in the '70s, when the "mixed-use" mantra reigned supreme.

True, apartments or condominiums don't generate as much revenue as retail or some commercial establishments, but in El Cerrito we have yet to reach criti-

cal mass in residential base to support anything greater than very small strip centers.

Let's face it, on San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito is three miles long, which results in six miles of street frontage. Our small community would do well to support one mile of quality retail frontage, not six.

I urge the City Council to support dense retail development at the Plaza, north to Central and between Potrero and Cutting. Leave those spaces in between for high density residential development that will improve the overall demographics of our community and attract the interest of quality retailers.

Plan for the future rather than react to immediate needs.

Bob Bacon
El Cerrito

BART deficiencies

I travel between El Cerrito and Hayward on BART.

The destination signs in El Cerrito have been barely readable for the last three years, yet similar signs at the MacArthur and Hayward stations are fine. At the Hayward end of my trip, the newly refurbished escalator has been out of service for two weeks. The one on the other side has the brown wooden barriers around it, but no one seems to be actually working on it.

During commute hours, there can be as many as four bicycles per car exit. One day, at one exit, there were five. It was quite an obstacle course for the blind and elderly passengers to thread through. I think three bicycles per exit should be the maximum. The cyclists range from being extremely courteous to being of no help at all.

I get the feeling that, aside from passing out a few trinkets and questionnaires, BART management isn't looking at these very obvious problems and keeping their riders informed as to what they're doing about them.

Roy Trumbull
El Cerrito

An idiotic vote

I was very disturbed by the El Cerrito Planning Commission vote to deny one of the best projects (the El Cerrito Mill and Lumber site) in the city.

This project would become 10 times better than Del Norte Place at Knott and San Pablo avenues.

As a 65-year resident of El Cerrito, this is the first time I find the Planning Commission very irresponsible to the city's residents. The city needs housing and, most of all, taxes.

A comment made by the mayor that we must look to leadership is intriguing. In my book, he and the City Council are the leaders. And they have been doing a great job. Now they must override the Planning Commission's idiotic vote and accept the appeal from JMS Development

for the betterment of all El Cerritos.

Thanks to the three members of the commission who see the great potential for El Cerrito and its residents.

Lee Pernick
El Cerrito

Check for diabetes

I have been on insulin for more than five years after losing a kidney and having five tumors removed from my bladder because of diabetes.

My blood sugar count now hovers between 90 and 150, which is considered under control, since I take insulin twice a day. I have had several friends and family members whose legs have been cut off, some as far up as their hips, because of diabetes. All of them have died from complications at a fairly young age.

Because of my problem with diabetes and the fact I only have one kidney, I have blood work done every couple of months. My doctor and I thoroughly discuss the results in lay language. That's what a concerned doctor will do.

I know a lovely lady of 38 who has a sugar count that goes as high as 400. I tell her that what she has is called the silent killer and that she must be aggressively treated. Her present doctor seems unconcerned with the problem, therefore, she needs to find a doctor who cares.

My point is to warn everyone, no matter what your age, that you should have your blood sugar checked at least once a year. Every hour you wait puts you closer to a real disaster. I know!

Earl Cook
El Cerrito

Political agenda?

In a recent letter to the editor, the writer is upset that the Albany City Council wants "to change its charter to appoint the chief of police." The writer feels that an appointed police chief is part of a faceless bureaucracy subservient to an unknown political agenda.

I had no idea that an appointed police chief and the police department are part of an unknown agenda. Is an elected police chief any less a part of "an unknown political agenda?"

I have no idea why the chief of police is elected in Albany. I always felt that it was a farce to see his name on the ballot. I mean he does not have an opponent. He does not give out fliers, buttons or bumper stickers. He has never stopped by my door to introduce himself and ask me to vote for him. So I do not vote for the Albany chief of police.

To me, having one person's name and no opponent is not an election. That is the kind of ballot that communists use.

If the voter is going to have a choice in the matter, then the ballot should read: "Should John Doe be retained as police chief?"

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Further evidence that the future is in good hands

The kids are all right: Some people accuse me of not being objective on the subject of today's young people. But every day I keep getting more evidence that this generation of all. For instance, I was riding on BART last week when a boisterous bunch of teenagers got on board. One stop later, an older woman got on.

Quick as a flash, a half-dozen of them jumped up and offered her their seats. A small thing, I know; but is that something you would have seen 10 or 15 years ago?

Not convinced? OK, here's another example. Actually two, named Katie Rowe and Olivia Stutz. They're 12 years old — just two years older than I was when the dog bite victim who is fighting for his life at Children's Hospital.

They were touched by Shawn's plight and wanted to raise some money to help cover some of the costs of his treatment. The hospital otherwise would have had to pay for Children's Hospital never turns any child in the area away, regardless of the family's ability to pay, which means it often has to eat the expense itself.

So they held the Mother Of All Bake Sales. They baked and baked and baked and baked,

until they had made 600 cookies and brownies, which they sold at the Piedmont July 4 parade for 50 cents apiece.

And they must have been good, because they sold out, netting a cool \$300 for the Children's Hospital Uncompensated Care Fund. You go, girls!

Incidentally, both girls are the daughters of prominent parents: Katie's dad is Dr. Richard Rowe, an anesthesiologist at Children's Hospital; Olivia's dad is Ken Stutz, who makes those great Stutz Olive Oils.

(And in case you're curious, she wasn't named after her father's business. Says Olivia: "I came first!")

More wunderkinds: Sarah Heilbron, a graduating senior at Piedmont High, is so talented that, even at her age, she's already managed to break into show biz: She'll be in the chorus of The Lamplighters' production of Gilbert & Sullivan's masterpiece, "The Mikado," which opens next Friday in San Francisco for a two-week run before moving over to this side of the Bay early next month.

(In further testament to her talent, they've also put her in charge of makeup.)

But it was with some trepidation that she approached director Barbara Heroux and told

her she'd going to have to miss a few rehearsals this weekend.

But she had a good excuse: She's flying to New York today to appear on "The Late Show With David Letterman." She's one of the Piedmont High School birdcallers who were selected by the Letterman staff.

(The others: Jill Pervere, Rachel Winograd, Erin Riley, Lena Moy-Borgen, and Cody Craig; but schedule conflicts prevent Cody from going.)

"That's OK," replied Heroux, "as long as you remember to give The Lamplighters a plug on the show."

Sarah is the third Piedmont birdcaller to appear in a Lamplighters production. The first was Jim MacIvaine (class of '77), who is now the director of marketing at Jack London Square. And the second was Elizabeth Wagman (class of '87), who now has her own studio in Oakland, where she is, coincidentally, Sarah's voice teacher.

By the way, the date of the birdcallers' appearance on the Letterman show has been changed. Instead of this coming Tuesday, as was announced at the contest, the Letterman people have switched them to this Monday, the day before. So set your VCR accordingly.

Speaking of musicals, I took my own advice last weekend

and caught the Woodminster Theater's new production of "Carousel." And am I glad I did! It's been a long time since I enjoyed myself so much.

This is Jim and Harriet Schlader's 35th year producing musicals at Woodminster, and they've really pulled out all the stops for this one, with lots of clever bits of staging.

It also helps that, by contractual arrangement with the musicians' union, all productions at Woodminster have to end by 10 p.m. Which means they keep things moving along at a sprightly pace.

Kudos to the entire cast, which is top-notch from top to bottom. But special mention should be made of two young cast members, Susannah M. Scott and Renee DeWeese.

Most of the dances divide the chorus into boy-girl pairs — which is fine, except Susannah's partner, Silvino Noriano, sprained his knee early in the first act.

In the best show-must-go-on tradition, she not only finished the dance by herself, she improvised for the rest of the show so nobody in the audience would realize she didn't have a partner.

And nobody did. She blended in seamlessly. It was the mark of a real pro.

As for 18-year-old Renee DeWeese, who played (and

danced) the role of Louise, all I can say is that a talent like hers only comes along only once in a very long time. Her technique was flawless, but dancing is more than getting the steps right. A great dancer conveys the essence of the human soul.

That's what Renee did. She made the audience forget they were watching a play, and for one magical moment she was Louise, a lonely 15-year-old dancing alone on the beach. It was breathtaking, it was beautiful, and it was utterly unforgettable.

If for no other reason, be sure and catch this "Carousel," if only so you can brag in 20 years that you saw the great Renee DeWeese way back when.

Finally, remember my column about Splash Circus, the professional circus whose performers are all between the age of 6 and 15?

I ran into two of them at Woodminster: Alexis Hedrick and Zina Goodall. And they tell me that they'll be performing as a curtain raiser before the show when Woodminster puts on its next musical, "Barnum," starting August 3. (Zina is a juggler/contortionist; Alexis' specialty is the Spanish Web, a long, twisting rope that she performs perilous stunts on, about 25 feet off the ground —



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

without a net!)

To get us in a circus-is-coming-to-town mood, volunteers from Woodminster and Splash Circus are working with businesses in Montclair (and other local neighborhoods) to create circus displays.

Nabisco is donating more than 500 boxes of Barnum's Animals (the only animal crackers worthy of the name, in my opinion — far superior to Hydrox) to the project. Some of the boxes will contain gift certificates inside, good for tickets to "Barnum," season tickets to Splash Circus, or goods and services from local merchants.

In addition to performing before the show, Alexis will also be in the cast of "Barnum." The performance to watch will be Aug. 10, because that's her 13th birthday, and a surprise is being prepared to mark the occasion.

No official word on what it is, but don't be surprised if she gets pied.

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039 or email him at catman@california.com.

Books that make it a pleasure for youths to crack a book

Summer again — the kids are home. What to do? Obviously as a book reviewer, I suggest some new titles for youngsters and teenagers. But books can be read on the road as well as at home, so check out the following title first.

■ **TITLE:** "Weekend Adventures in Northern California"

■ **AUTHOR:** Carole Terwilliger Meyers

■ **PUBLISHER:** Carousell Press

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$18.95, 48

This is Meyers' seventh edition of her wonderfully comprehensive coverage of places to go in the state. With 130 black and white photos and 17 maps, this edition leads the reader to exciting experiences from Morro Bay to Yreka. Lake Tahoe, Wine Country, Gold Rush Country, the High Sierra, the Delta, San Francisco and all the cities and towns in-between are described with precise detail.

The Berkeley author has traveled with her children, so she knows the information families need about amenities, prices and special attractions for kids. This latest update on her original 1977 book even includes the brand-new Chabot Space & Science Center in the Oakland Hills. She will tell you where you can stuff your own teddy bear, kick gum on a brick wall (legally) and enter an Ugly Dog Contest. Nearly all the destinations can be visited in a weekend, but plenty of longer stays are listed, also. Entertaining and informative, this is an award-winning book, and justly so.

All right, so we're on the road — let's read.

■ **TITLE:** "Betty Doll"

■ **AUTHOR:** Patricia Polacco

■ **PUBLISHER:** Philomel Books

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$16.99, 32.

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■ **TITLE:** "Sun Bread"

■ **AUTHOR:** Elisa Kleven

■ **PUBLISHER:** Dutton

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$16.99, 32.

Another of my personal favorite author/illustrators is Elisa Kleven. From her Albany studio she continues to produce wildly colorful pictures to accompany her cheery rhyming texts. In her latest, the baker (a dog) in an animal village overcomes everyone's gloom in the chill of winter by baking an enormous, warm, golden loaf of bread shaped like the sun. Because young readers will long for a chunk of the magical bread, Kleven even includes a sun bread recipe. As the dog might say, bone appetit!

■ **TITLE:** "Zonk, the Dreaming Tortoise"

■ **AUTHOR:** David Hoobler

■ **PUBLISHER:** Zonk Galleries

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$16.95, 32

Zonk lives in the Sonoran Desert and dreams only of swimming in the ocean. Despite friends who remind him that he's a desert tortoise and not a sea turtle, Zonk practices swimming, even on sand dunes. A Glenview resident, Hoobler's brightly colored illustrations and simple words carry a delightful tale of dreams coming true, even in the most unlikely situations.

■ **TITLE:** "Vinnie In Egypt"

■ **AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Bott

■ **ILLUSTRATORS:** Guido Frosini, Alessandra Cecchetti

■ **PUBLISHER:** Pageturner Books

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$15.95, 52.

"Vinnie In Egypt" has quite an international flavor. To begin with, Vinnie the Cat discovers many historical facts in his travels. One of the illustrators, Guido, lives in Italy and the other, his cousin Ali, lives in Santa Rosa. Adding local flavor is the fact that their grandparents, Richard and Doris Nivens, are Montclair residents.

The cat's adventures, told in verse by Elizabeth Bott, rock along to a beat that is reflected graphically in the zany depictions of the places and characters Vinnie meets in his travels.

■ **AUTHOR:** David Hoobler

■ **PUBLISHER:** Zonk Galleries

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$16.95, 32

Zonk lives in the Sonoran Desert and dreams only of swimming in the ocean. Despite friends who remind him that he's a desert tortoise and not a sea turtle, Zonk practices swimming, even on sand dunes. A Glenview resident, Hoobler's brightly colored illustrations and simple words carry a delightful tale of dreams coming true, even in the most unlikely situations.

■ **TITLE:** "Vinnie In Egypt"

■ **AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Bott

■ **ILLUSTRATORS:** Guido Frosini, Alessandra Cecchetti

■ **PUBLISHER:** Pageturner Books

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$15.95, 52.

"Vinnie In Egypt" has quite an international flavor. To begin with, Vinnie the Cat discovers many historical facts in his travels. One of the illustrators, Guido, lives in Italy and the other, his cousin Ali, lives in Santa Rosa. Adding local flavor is the fact that their grandparents, Richard and Doris Nivens, are Montclair residents.

The cat's adventures, told in verse by Elizabeth Bott, rock along to a beat that is reflected graphically in the zany depictions of the places and characters Vinnie meets in his travels.

This is the first book in a "Laugh and Learn Travel Series." Look for Vinnie and friends to turn up soon in France and Italy with more humorous pictures from two gifted teenagers.

■ **TITLE:** "Oranges on Golden Mountain"

■ **AUTHOR:** Elizabeth Partridge

■ **ILLUSTRATOR:** Aki Sogabe

■ **PRICES, PAGES:** \$16.99, 40.

Jo Lee's story also includes travel, but of a far more serious nature than Vinnie's. Berkeley author Partridge imagines a tale of a young Chinese boy's journey from his home in China to a new life in California. Set in the late 19th century, this account of a boy's loneliness, strength and growth presents a humanized picture of the struggle faced by many immigrants. The cut-paper illustrations add rich details to the boy's dreams of his Hun spirit and also to the everyday life, represented by orange branches he nourishes to remind him of home.

■ **TITLE:** "Notes from a Liar and Her Dog"

■ **AUTHOR:** Jennifer Choldenko

■ **PUBLISHER:** Putnam

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$18.99, 244.

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■ **TITLE:** "Redhanded"

■ **AUTHOR:** Michael Cad-

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■ **PUBLISHER:** Viking

■ **PRICE, PAGES:** \$15.99, 176.

Albany author Cadnum writes realistic, hard-hitting novels for teenagers from ages 12 and up. His latest, set in Oakland, pulls no punches as its leading character Steven maneuvers himself into the boxing world. As promising as he is in the ring, Steven's shortage of money leads him to make some seriously wrong decisions in life. A new friend who knows about drinking, guns and prison is definitely not the right companion. With Steven telling his own story, young readers get a compelling view of how hard it can be to choose right from wrong.

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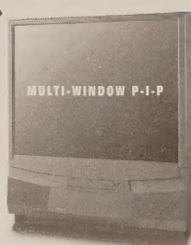
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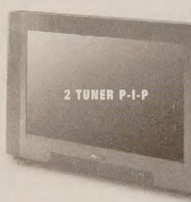
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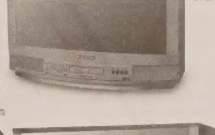
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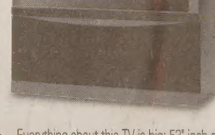


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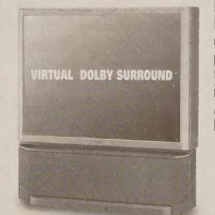


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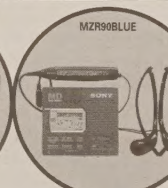
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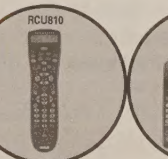
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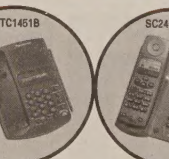
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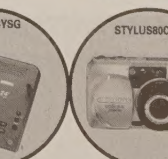
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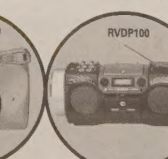
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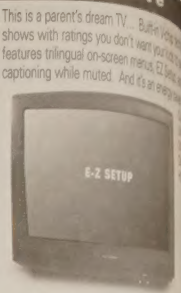
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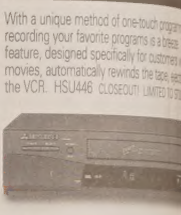


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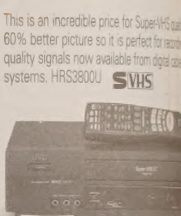


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Plenty of celebration fun wasn't far from home

We certainly know how to celebrate the Fourth of July in these parts. I tried several of the celebrations just to see, and I think we did very well.

It started with the evening of the Third, or rather, Richmond started it off on the evening of the 3rd with wonderful fireworks on the Bay near Marina Bay Park. People had planted themselves on the grass across the wide swathe of the park, from the Rosie the Riveter Memorial to Salute Restaurant, and beyond. It was a large crowd, estimated by Channel 2 as 45,000. Quiet and friendly. As we awaited the fireworks, people strolled about, greeting old friends and making new ones. Children ran about and played, but since there was room for all, none of their play interfered with other people's enjoyment. The only negative was the loooong wait in line for the one food provider. But even that was friendly, and gave people an opportunity to see passers by and chat.

CLARA-RAE GENSER Community Folk

The fireworks were lovely and Right There. The only noise was the crack-bang of the fireworks and the oohs and ahs of an appreciative audience.

At the end, a happy group of people dispersed with amazing speed and no problems.

Then came the Fourth, and the local celebrations. El Cerrito had its usual very successful celebration in and around the Community Center. Starting it all off with a parade and a nod to the reason for it all — the founding of our country, they then provided a very home-made, small town type of gathering. A lovely day enhanced the whole procedure. The Junk Art show was lovely, and funny, and everyone was impressed by the work of the local artists. The games were the home-made part of the afternoon, and they were fun, and they were well received by

the throng.

And the tables offered everything from spinal checks to handmade jewelry items. There were the wonderful people who really care and take this opportunity to find others who do, also. The Friends of the Five Creeks, the Friends of the Library (with their pocket books for sale), the Scouts, both boy and girl, and several other organizations. And, of course, since the Rotary was putting it on, the wives of the Rotary had a table showing all of the very good things the Rotary supports. And it was a very impressive showing, indeed. For instance, there was the I.W. U.S.A. Foundation (I.W. is Inner Wheel) whose motto is "Give a Child a Hand." The Inner Wheel U.S.A. Foundation through its activities is implementing a system for the central recycling and distribution of myoelectric limbs for children." Fascinating. New to me, but I must find out more about it.

And there were the local agencies: The Open House, for

instance, the Senior Center so appreciated by the many senior folks who use it. Need information about clean water? About the schools? About safety and the departments that insure it for us? They were all there. The fire department even had two engines for people to admire and kids to clamber on.

And lots of food, which, from the lines waiting for it, were selling yummy picnic type stuff.

And lots of wandering around and meeting people and chatting. The bandstand was giving forth entertainment all afternoon and a goodly crowd sat around it enjoying, and as people walked about they walked in time to the music. A very home town celebration, and a lovely one.

The Albany Fourth was next. It had started with a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, and then all the happily tummy-filled people went on to enjoy a watermelon eating contest, carnival games (again home made and delightful,) and even a pet parade. When I

got there many groups had folded their tents and left, but there were still a few tables. The Five Creeks people were there, too, as were the School Care people (Schools and Citizens of Albany to Rescue Education), the Scouts and a few other organizations with Albany in mind. There had been many more, but I was late. Never too late for the diehard Albanians who were still coming as I left. Again, a happy, very homey crowd, enjoying a "homespun" celebration.

And it all ended, for me, at least, with a barbeque and fireworks watch aboard the Red Oak Victory Ship in the Richmond harbor. The Red Oak is being refurbished by volunteers who give joyful hours of work to the project, as they bring back to life one of the last of the Victory ships built in the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond, during World War II. Under the aegis of the Richmond Museum, fund raisers such as the celebration on the Fourth are making it all possible. And it was such fun. The sun went

down, and the air turned cool and windy, but the fireworks from Marin, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley were great. A wonderful ending to most exciting and meaningful day.

And, best of all, it was a home day. Wherever I was there were people whom I knew, and who knew each other, and could stop and enjoy each other. And that what this country celebration are all about.

That was fun. And, again, I invite your input. Some of you mailed me previously wonderful suggestions. But my computer ate up all the e-mail I had put on "Key to New" for later use, and I lost you. Please send me suggestions, again. I'm waiting them, and I do follow up, eventually. Please write me at 555 Pierce St., Albany, CA 94706 or call 4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

Letters

FROM PAGE A4

chief of Albany?" Then the ballot would have "yes" or "no" choices. That is a real election. The voter then can say "yes" or "no."

I can think of more important issues before the residents of Albany than the worry about the election of a police chief.

John G. Cakars
Albany

Commission's decision is distressing

I am distressed by the El Cerrito Planning Commission's decision to deny JMS Development's plans for the former El Cerrito Mill site.

My wife and I are longtime El Cerrito residents and every year we are more embarrassed by the tawdry appearance of San Pablo Avenue.

How many nail salons,

check-cashing joints, vacant stores and lots, and used car lots do we need?

Take a good look as you drive around town; note the dismal appearance of Black Oak Motors and the \$1 store at the Albertson's center.

We live very close to the proposed site and after viewing JMS drawings and designs, we were enthusiastic to see this project go forward.

Hopefully this upscale project will encourage the neighboring area to upgrade.

If JMS isn't allowed to develop the property, I foresee that the Honda dealership will continue to park their cars in the vacant lots.

These cars will be a nice view to complement the weed-infested sewer that serves as its lovely backdrop.

I implore the City Council to use its authority and common sense to overrule the planning commission.

John Cook
El Cerrito

Chamber

FROM PAGE A2

rito Chamber Of Commerce, P.O. Box 538, El Cerrito, CA. 94530 — and then prepare to relax and take it easy."

Women investors' show

Chamber member Blaine J. Davis, the Edward Jones investment representative here, will host a special broadcast titled "Winning Strategies for Women Investors" at 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

The broadcast dealing with women's investment clubs will be heard over the Edward Jones private satellite network in the company's local office at 11760 San Pablo Ave., Suite B,

and is open to the public free of charge. For more information on the broadcast or to reserve a seat contact the local Edward Jones office by calling 510-237-3495.

Anniversary party set

The Celebrating Culture & Community organization, an associate Chamber member, will celebrate its fourth anniversary on Friday, July 20, with an informal members-only party. Members may bring friends to the celebration which will be held at The Pizza Company, 3550 San Pablo Dam Road in El Sobrante. Those planning to attend are being asked to contact CC&C at 510-236-3255 no later than Tuesday, July 17.

Dinner/dances will raise funds for injured student's care

Workers at the El Cerrito Post Office are responding to a tragedy suffered by one of their colleagues with a fundraising event and are seeking the community's participation.

Eric Adame-Toms, the son of postal employee and El Cerrito APWU Shop Steward Noel Toms,

is in a coma in Kaiser Hospital from injuries sustained in a May 15 car collision in Rodeo on his way home from work.

Adame-Toms, 18, was a month away from graduation at John Sweet High School.

El Cerrito postal employees are sponsoring two dinner/dance

fundraisers at the San Pablo Moose Lodge, 13233 San Pablo Ave. in San Pablo, to help meet the mounting costs of Eric Adame-Toms's injuries.

The event is Aug. 5 from 2-7 p.m. and features letter carrier Jun Simundo and his band. The cost is \$10 per person. Any do-

nations from those who make it are also appreciated. They should be made to Eric Adame-Toms, c/o Santa Rosa 777 Tenth Avenue, Suite 94564. All funds raised will go to the Toms family.

Details: 510-237-6124.

Board

FROM PAGE A1

Presently the union and the board are in mediation, or fact finding, to work out their differences.

Add the surprise resignation of first-term board member Owen T. Jones in early June to the fray and this recall amounts to just one more part of the board's collective headache. Skinner feels the recall effort will only widen the rift between the district and the community.

"Personally, what I would like to see is more support for the fact-finding process," said Skinner. "It's going to take time to heal what we've been going through and I don't think a recall campaign is going to assist us in any way to do that healing."

Last week, the county Registrar of Voters office received letters from both Skinner and Cain rebutting the recall. Skinner made a point of contesting the charge that members walked out of the meeting last December, the first meeting after the board rescinded their initial offer to the

teachers.

At that meeting, Skinner remembers there being more than 300 people in attendance filling out the Cornell cafeteria so raucously that the noise level was unbearable. The board took public comment for over an hour and it got to the point where nothing was being resolved, according to Skinner.

"It was impossible to conduct our business in that atmosphere," she said. "We took a recess and that didn't solve (the noise problem). The majority voted to move the meeting."

Board vice president David Farrell sees the recall as a community's democratic right but isn't sure if the energy being put into the effort couldn't be better directed elsewhere.

"Regrettably, I think (the recall) is a mistake in action," said Ferrell. "They don't know how deeply Bill and Marsha care about education in Albany."

"It isn't taking us in the right direction."

As for the process being a distraction, Ferrell says that the two are coping and conducting their business with the same determi-

nation as before.

"I'd say they've been doing remarkably well," he said. "I haven't seen it diminish their concentration and good work."

Skinner sees the recall as an unnecessary step that will end up costing the city of Albany a bundle. She doesn't see how a special election makes sense if one of the members will be out of office within a year and the other ran unopposed (by an outside party) in last November's election. The cost of the special election will be anywhere from \$1.50 to \$3.50 a voter.

Regardless, Kendall could have his 90 days to figure out whether or not the community

wants to foot the bill and is worried about accumulating 25 percent. He plans to take the streets for the signature plans to set up a booth.

"I definitely know the get enough (signatures) to president," said Kendall. If the recall is successful, Cain, who had not returned by press time, all five seats be vacant for next year's election.

"The recall is going to be a pain in the neck," said Skinner. "It will deepen the rift. The election running high already and just heighten those emotions."

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use of \$450,000 to the city.
tionally, at Council-
Gina Brusatori's sugges-
city and county workers and
district employees in West
will have "first right of
to rent an apartment at
complex.

more than 70 people attended
meeting and the council
from those both for and
the proposed project.
wanted to see more com-
retail space in the pro-
others, especially residents
Richmond annex, had con-
about view obstruction,
traffic and setback of the
fronting San Pablo Av-

Magvary of the El Cer-
Alliance questioned
analysis of the pro-
and said its inflation as-
sions are not realistic.
woman Kathleen Perka
the project, saying
time will tell" as she cast
"We are missing an op-
portunity here for commercial,"
said at one point in the

the end, however, the ma-
of the council seemed to
with Mike Daley of the
Club who said Wednesday

night "There comes a time when
we need to be able to say yes to
a good proposal."

"To me housing is an essen-
tial part of economic develop-
ment" said Councilman Mark
Friedman. "Without having peo-
ple in our town to shop in our
town, it's hard to get commercial
ventures in El Cerrito," he added.
"I also think that mixed-use in-
fill development near public trans-
it like this project is an essen-
tial part of sound environmental
practice and a sustainable future
for El Cerrito and the Bay Area,"
Friedman said. "I think the time
is certainly right to move forward
with this project and recognize
we have a much better project
today than what we started out
with."

The matter of Mayor Larry
Damon's property interest in the
city's redevelopment area was
addressed early in the evening
when Damon announced he had
"re-conveyed the second deed of
trust back to the person I loaned
the money to." Earlier this year
Damon made a \$50,000 loan to
a businessman who relocated his
business to the city's redevelop-
ment area.

Damon said he had accepted
a second mortgage on the prop-
erty as collateral and that second
mortgage was announced to be
re-conveyed at Wednesday's
meeting and the documentation
entered into the record.

pect was not caught. Property
loss was estimated at \$30.

■ Sometime between June 21
at 6 p.m. and June 22 at 8:30 a.m.
somebody stole the battery out
of a 1991 Toyota Corolla parked
in the driveway of a 1400 block
Liberty Street residence.

■ On June 21 police received
a report of annoying phone calls.
A 49-year-old El Cerrito woman
reported that an ex-boyfriend has
been making annoying phone
calls to her and her husband. The
suspect is a 49-year-old Oakland
man.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Dismantling of the Albany High portables on the tennis courts in Memorial Park began on Friday July 6.

Memorial

FROM PAGE A1

deemed seismically unsafe.

The district kicked in about
\$8 million from a 1993 school
construction bond measure,
bringing the project's total to
about \$30 million, including ren-
ovation of a couple of original

buildings that didn't need re-
placement.

The school's Key Route loca-
tion is 4,500 feet from the Hay-
ward fault, and the state agreed
with district architects that the
brick schoolhouse was a signifi-
cant hazard.

The city rented the school dis-
trict park land for a temporary
"portable campus" during con-

struction of the new school. The
district will help pay for restor-
ing the tennis courts.

Returning tennis courts aren't
the only change coming to
Memorial, the city's largest,
busiest park.

A long-planned revamp of the
south end will be launched within
a few weeks. The work will in-
clude major drainage improve-

ments, new children's play equip-
ment and landscaping.

The current play equipment
doesn't meet federal disability re-
quirements or state safety stan-
dards, and the play areas are no-
torious for flooding. "We won't
have that swamp effect," Ely said.

Reach Kate Rauch at 510-262-
2749 or krauch@cctimes.com.

Murder

FROM PAGE A1

County Crime Lab was brought
in to help gather evidence.

Dechavez's sister found his
body Friday night shortly after 8
p.m. in the apartment they
shared on Waldo Avenue. He had
died of stab wounds to the neck,
chest and abdomen, a Contra
Costa County Coroner's
spokesman said.

Police said Tuesday that De
Chavez's red, four-door, 1993
Honda Civic (license plate num-

ber 4PBV248) was taken from
the apartment complex and later
found elsewhere in El Cerrito.

"Right now it's currently un-
der investigation so we don't
want to give out too much infor-
mation," said Detective Scott Cl-
att of the ECPD. "A complete
forensic work-up was done at the
crime scene and the police de-
partment is following all possi-
ble leads that we have," Clatt
added. "We have a few leads that
we're investigating right now."

"There's been some evidence
found at the scene and we're go-
ing through it," Said Detective

Sgt. Wayne Mann of the ECPD.
"We're going to be doing some
forensic stuff and talking to peo-
ple," Mann said. "We'll sift
through all the evidence and see
if anybody saw anything and go
from there," he added. Mann said
that Dechavez has worked at the
International House in Berkeley.

Clatt said fingerprints col-
lected at the scene will be in-
vestigated using fingerprint da-
tabases at the Department of
Justice. "The crime lab has the
tools, the training and experience
to do extensive forensic evidence
such as gathering trace evidence

and conducting forensic investi-
gations of the victim's body and
crime scene."

If you have information about
Dechavez, Mann asks that you
call him at 215-4423 or Clatt at
215-4420.

Mann said the July 6 stabbing
murder is the first homicide in
El Cerrito this year. The last
homicide in the city occurred in
December 2000, when police said
a Brentwood man was fatally
shot by his girlfriend after he
charged at her, threatening to
beat her.

Matter

PAGE 2

one block out of Contra
County to take his daugh-
ter to Albany Bowl. This
County travel was report-
ed in violation of a court order
to leave the county with his
daughter.

On June 23 at 9:15 p.m. a
man entered the San Pablo Av-
enue Blockbuster Video store,
took a certain video, then
two DVDs from the shelf
without paying. The sus-

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Bus rapid transit plan placed on the fast track

■ AC Transit's steering committee recommends an alternative to a more costly light rail system

By Lisa Vorderbrueggen
STAFF WRITER

An East Bay bus agency is poised to become the first in the Bay Area and only the second in the state to offer what's called "bus rapid transit," a system that mimics rail but at far less cost.

Faster. Cheaper. Sooner. That's what an AC Transit steering committee on Wednesday decided a \$340 million bus rapid transit system could offer riders along its 18 busiest miles in Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro.

"From what I can see of the bus rapid transit system, it is going to 'wow' people," said Berkeley Mayor and committee member Shirley Dean. "I still support light rail, but when we saw the cost, it was real clear that it was a dream. We have to keep that dream alive, but we may discover that the bus is going to work, and that's fine with me, too."

A comparable light rail line would cost \$890 million, so the idea is to make bus service act like rail without the need for expensive track and rolling stock.

Here are some of the key attributes of bus rapid transit systems:

Buses run on dedicated lanes free of other traffic.

Passengers buy tickets on the platform rather than fumble for change on the steps.

Bus floors are low to the ground so riders can step on and off quickly, and riders can board or leave the bus simultaneously from three doors.

Bus drivers electronically trigger traffic signals so passengers don't sit at red lights.

"Light rail is a dinosaur," said Greg Harper, committee chairman and an AC Transit board member from Emeryville. "It's so expensive, and the rest of the world is heading toward bus rapid transit. I'm proud of our vote to join them."

Wednesday's vote culminates two years of study by the committee, which is comprised of

elected officials from Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and AC Transit.

The bus rapid transit route begins on East 14th Street in San Leandro, runs along International Street through Oakland and into Berkeley via Telegraph Avenue.

The district carries 40,000 passengers a day in this corridor, and expects daily ridership to increase to 60,000 with the new service.

Much of the attraction will be a faster ride and a convenient location, explained Jim Cunradi, the study's project manager and a transportation planner.

"A trip from Berkeley to Oakland that takes 30 minutes today would take only 20," said Cunradi. "Half the jobs in Oakland and 30 percent of the city's residents are within a few blocks of this line. It's ideally located."

If the full AC Transit board later this summer concurs with the committee's recommendation, the district will begin an environmental review and look for money.

The district could also move ahead with some of the bus rapid transit features, such as low-floor buses or synchronized signals, while the environmental review is under way.

Bus rapid transit started in Curitiba, Brazil. In the 1970s, the city lacked money for light rail, so it designed a "surface subway" using buses. It carries 1.9 million passengers a day.

Bus rapid transit made its United States appearance in Pittsburgh in 1977. The city converted an old railroad line into a dedicated busway, and passengers can travel the 6.8-mile route in 15 minutes compared to 52 minutes on parallel roads.

California's only operating bus rapid transit system is in Los Angeles. The 26-mile route along Ventura Boulevard doesn't use a dedicated lane, but saves its passengers travel time with traffic signaling and low-floor buses.

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Chess

FROM PAGE A1

Charles says the school is attempting to expand the program into Russia or countries in Asia.

The Berkeley school is a non-profit corporation that offers chess instruction to more than 3,000 children of all ages. Many of their students have excelled in state and national tournaments.

It was developed in 1982 by Elizabeth Shaughnessy, a former Irish women's chess champion.

Students are also improving their chess game through numerous tournaments and play-offs. The intense game of Bughouse chess includes four players using double boards in a fast-paced match.

"Most chess techniques are international, with similar strategies," says Charlie. "The Irish play more conservatively, and we're teaching them to take more risks. We all definitely play fairly competitively."

The Irish visitors learned how

to play the American version of Bughouse, which is named Swap chess in Ireland.

"There are different rules and strategies in Ireland," notes sixth-grader Sean Coleman.

During their last visit, the Irish youth taught the Bay Area players a new game called Condi chess. All of the chess champions still enjoy sprinting several yards to the clock in this physical game.

"They taught us a lot, especially about Condi," says Ahmad Moghadam, who is a sixth-grader at Kensington Elementary School. "You get to move and run, back and forth. They're pros at it. It's tough, beating them at their own game."

But Irish player Robert Kelly says that the students from the Berkeley school are more competitive and benefit from constant instruction.

"They've got stricter rules here in America. In Ireland we play more freestyle," says Michael Devlin.

During a play-off with three



JASON YUN, an eighth-grader at Windrush School in El Cerrito, makes a quick move against his opponent during a match.

Irish students, El Cerrito fifth-grader Aviv Adler reports that they pass more often during the entire length of the game.

As one of the highest rated players in the school, Daichi Siegrist is ranked 34th in the nation within his age group. His brother Yuki, a Wagner Ranch second-grader, also remains in the top 50 among players in his

age category nation. "They seem to be using a defensive way of playing," says of the Irish players. "I've been excited to learn about their way of play. For more information, contact Berkeley Chess School at 843-0150."



The boys are back in town

ON THE HEELS of last month's soldout debut and a one-date road trip tomorrow to the Main Street Tavern the boys of the El Cerrito band Balladryre will be at it again performing their combination of originals and blues covers on July 20 at Club Muse, 856 San Pablo Ave. in Albany. Drummer Michael "Bones" Borbridge has compiled another all-star line up of Bay Area musicians with guitarist Harvey Mandel (center) and other special guests, starting at about 9 p.m. Don't miss out. Places for dinner are sold out, but there will be a bar and on the floor. Details: 510-528-2878.

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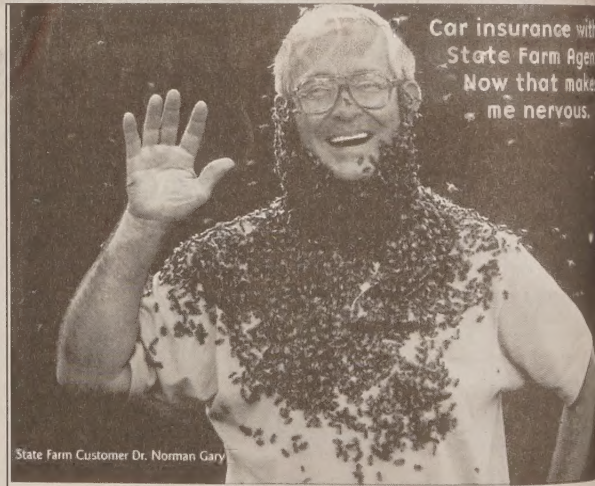
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Section B

Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B6]
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THE EXTERIOR OF 927 EUCLID AVE. in Berkeley shows authentic Tudor Revival details and craftsmanship.

Unique historic property for sale

BY MARK A. WILSON
CORRESPONDENT

A rare example of a historic Tudor Revival house with an elegantly remodeled interior has just come on the market in the North Berkeley hills. This spacious residence is located at 927 Euclid Ave. in Berkeley.

The property offers a unique combination of Old World decorative details and craftsmanship on the exterior, with a refined Post Modern-style renovation of all the

common rooms inside the main house.

The property is much more than just a single family house. Nestled comfortably into a nicely wooded 7,500 square foot private lot, the three-story main house and detached studio and garage are set well back from the street, affording maximum separation from traffic and passersby on the street.

The recent completion of a high redwood fence across the

front of the lot and a stand of old redwood trees in the back yard create a sense of being in a secluded, park-like setting.

The front yard is terraced, with steps leading down to the front door of the main house. The noted Bay Area landscape architect James Dickson landscaped the yard, and the current owner has just added a beautifully tiled courtyard.

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Trestle Glen home complete with private park



PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTY

Built in 1928 by Frank Carr and designed by architect George Ellinger, this striking Tudor Revival home at 1569 Trestle Glen Rd. in Oakland is coming on the market after 33 years of loving enjoyment by its current owners.

An ivy-covered curving stairway leads you into this wonderful four-bedroom, one-and-one-half bath family home. The living room has a cozy fireplace, hardwood floors and a nice picture window for plenty of light. The large kitchen has loads

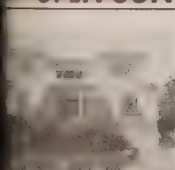
of charm with lots of storage space and a separate breakfast nook. The fourth bedroom on the main floor is large and could be used as

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132 Beechwood Dr. \$1,950,000

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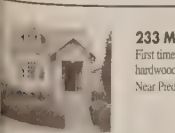
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1845 Northwood Ct. \$1,295,000

Sophistication & Luxury! Entertain or cocoon in style. New bay view home with sensuous principal bedroom suite, flowing floorplan with generous spaces for entertaining, dream kitchen, office/study, wine cellar. 3+BD/3BA.

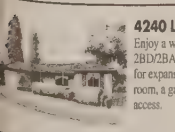
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233 Mather Street. \$475,000

First time on the market in years! 3BD/1BA. Fireplace, hardwood floors, two car garage and yard. Great potential. Near Piedmont Avenue and transportation.

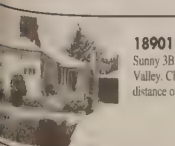
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4240 Lakeshore Avenue. \$475,000

Enjoy a walk to Lakeshore Grand shops from this one level 2BD/2BA Crocker Highlands fixer. Use the extra large lot for expansion, gardens or play area. There is a bonus room, a garden room, and a double garage with interior access.

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18901 Santa Maria Avenue. \$349,000

Sunny 3BD/1BA house plus guest cottage in Castro Valley. Close to public transportation and within walking distance of Castro Valley High.

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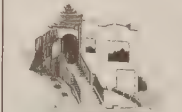
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5169 Fleming. \$349,000

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1670 Ponderosa, Oakley. \$255,000

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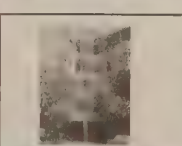
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91 Emery Bay Drive. \$219,000

This urban oasis in Emeryville's best kept secret. Sunny, bright 2BD/1BA top floor unit surrounded by lush green trees and mature landscaping. Fireplace. Easy access to S.F. Conveniently located for shuttle to BART, shopping & dining.

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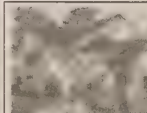
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Situated along a quiet cul-de-sac, and boasting gorgeous views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate, sits this lovely new home. Featuring a grand entry with spiral staircase, a home office, comfortable family room off gourmet kitchen, "kingsize of the round table" dining room, 4BD including wonderful master suite with "view tub," and 2 huge decks

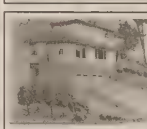
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Lincoln Heights
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The main house was designed in the popular Tudor Revival style in 1927. Then, in 1986, a remodeling of the common rooms gave the interior of the top floor a distinctive Post Modern appearance. There is a very spacious, separate legal two-bedroom in-law unit downstairs.

Just before the current owner put the home on the market, he added another one-bedroom suite with a double set of French doors leading out to the courtyard. A detached studio stands at a right angle on the front of the lot. This tall wood-shingled building has lots of storage and work space, as well as parking area for two vehicles.

High-peaked Tudor-style gables grace the home's facade. The two gables facing the street have half-timbering painted brown, barge boards lining the eaves, an overhang projecting out from the second story, and hand-carved triangular patterns under the peak of the highest gable. The north wing has half-timbered walls, an overhanging second story and projecting beam ends lining the overhang. The central part of the roof is hipped, or four-sided, and all the windows are casement style, many with square panes set into wood latticing. These finely crafted architectural details are all authentic features once used on homes in 16th-century Tudor England.

East Bay architect Richard Altuna remodeled the upper floor of the house in Post Modern style in 1986. Altuna also did design work for the interior remodel of Chez Panisse Cafe in Berkeley's gourmet ghetto.

The living room has a soaring cathedral ceiling with hand carved beams, left intact from the original Tudor design. A new picture window was set into the west gable, which frames a view of the redwood trees in the back yard.

There are four sets of French doors across the west wall, which open out onto a deck, and provide a very pleasant view through the redwoods to the bay and the Golden Gate. Set into the south wall is a striking Post Modern fireplace, spanned by a stainless steel hood with a granite keystone recently added by the current owner.

The living room flows into the raised dining room, which has a boxed beamed ceiling.

A unifying motif in these two rooms is a set of Post Modern squared columns, which line the west wall and support the opening between the living room and the dining room.

They also span the entry way with its black marble tiled floor. The columns are violet with pista-

chio green capitals. The walls of these two rooms are painted salmon.

From the dining room table is a tranquil view of redwood trees and the Bay beyond.

Altuna also remodeled the kitchen in a sophisticated gourmet style with wine-red cabinets and granite counter tops. The stove has a large steel hood, and plenty of open work area. A cozy, light-filled eat-in area is just beyond the kitchen on the north end. French doors open onto a wooden deck off the kitchen, which looks out over the private, woody backyard. There is a bedroom and bath at the northeast corner of the upper floor with a view of the lovely front yard.

The downstairs of the main house was redesigned by the previous owner. The master suite has a large and luxurious black-tiled bathtub with a view out to the peaceful front yard area. The bathroom here has black tiles. There is a third bedroom on an upper level off of the kitchen, with recessed lighting, extra storage cabinets set into the walls, and a raised sleeping area.

On the ground floor of the main house is a charming two-bedroom in-law unit, added by the previous owner. It has a French country-style kitchen, separate living room, brick fireplace, and banded windows that look out onto the peaceful, wooded back yard. A French door leads to a brick patio, which gives this apartment direct access to a level outdoor sitting area.

This in-law unit has 1,100 square feet of living area. There is also a wine storage area and a laundry room on the ground floor.

The detached garage and art studio was designed in 1970 by the highly respected German-born architect Hans Ostwald. It was featured in a book on Ostwald's life and work published in 1974.

The current owner, Floyd Cooley, uses the studio as a workshop and home office. Posters and trophies from Cooley's 32-year-long career as a tuba player in both the San Francisco and Chicago Symphonies line the studio walls.

The property at 972 Euclid Ave. has 3,600 square feet of living space with six-plus bedrooms and four baths in the main house, the downstairs suite and the in-law unit.

This unique piece of Berkeley history is being offered for sale at \$1,150,000. The listing broker is David Kafton, of Kafton Real Estate in Berkeley. For further information, or to arrange a showing, contact Kafton at 510-524-8973, or by e-mail at dtk@kafton.org.

Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Prudential California Realty's Albany office. He can be reached at 510-273-9383.

Tudor

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a family room or would make a great office.

Additional storage space can be found in the basement. Lots of room for a workshop.

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A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

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McCormack's Guides for 2001 are still available. These relocation/newcomer guide books are more than a directory. The books are loaded with information such as academic rankings for local public schools.

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PRESIDENTIAL YACHT HOSTS CAR PRESIDENT

The official visit of the California Association of Realtors president takes place on Wednesday, July 18 aboard the presidential yacht, U.S.S. Potomac. **Gary Thomas**, the CAR 2001 President, is visiting with officers and members of real estate associations in Regions 5 and 6, namely the associations in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

This visit helps the CAR President keep in touch with local issues in the real estate community. The U.S.S. Potomac was a favorite of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and is berthed at Jack London Square in Oakland.

REALTISTS

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) holds a networking breakfast on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's breakfast is on July 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Oak Tree Grille on Embarcadero in Oakland is the location. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call **Bridget Cain** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT TRAINING

The Oakland Association of Realtors is offering "The Assistant Training Program", a four part course to train real estate assistants. Real Estate Business Service, Inc., a subsidiary of The California Association of Realtors will instruct. Assistants will learn the steps of the transaction, what they can and cannot do and technology to make their jobs easier. The program is held on the first four Fridays in August. The fee for the complete four-course program is \$195 or \$75 per course. For registration or an informational flyer contact **Mary Walton** at the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

OLE TIMER'S REUNION

Thursday, September 20 is the date for the Real Estate Ole Timer's Reunion Luncheon. The reunion started 10 years ago and is the brainchild of **Bob Valva** of Valva Realty in Oakland. "It's an opportunity to get together with friends and industry acquaintances from the past," said Valva. "This reunion is a fun and easy way to catch up." Real Estate agents and affiliates from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, 55 and over are invited. Ole Timers are encouraged to bring friends and significant others. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with networking. The location is The Ark at Pier 29 Restaurant in Oakland at the foot of the Park Street bridge. Lunch is by reservation only. To RSVP call Valva at 510-451-7317.

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A new class is required by the National Association of Realtors. "Ethics, Professional Conducts & The Real Estate Professional" is a three hour accredited class for real estate agents and brokers. This ethics class is not to be confused with the DRE mandatory ethics class. It must be completed within 6 months. The Bay East Association is presenting the class at The

Englander in San Leandro, on July 28 at 9 a.m. For more information contact **Linda Centoni** of North American Title in Hayward at 510-537-8300. For the Oakland Association of Realtors contact **Mary Walton** at 510-836-3000. At the Berkeley Association of Realtors ask for **Don Clark**, 510-848-4288. Contact **Kristen McMahan**, 510-523-7229 for the Alameda Association of Realtors.

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Georgie Porgie Mini Golf
The Affiliate Committee of the Bay East Association of Realtors presents the Third Annual Georgie Porgie's Mini Golf Tourney "Putt With Me". This tournament is a fund-raiser benefiting "Members Helping Members", a division of the B.E.A.R. Foundation. There are 18 holes of putting at the Golden Tee in Castro Valley, next Friday, July 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets include lunch and all ages are invited (adults without kids may play). There will be prizes, games and entertainment. The committee is looking for sponsors and raffle prizes. For tickets or more information call **Georgie Rittler** of Placer Title Company at 510-614-2965.

BBO & Golf With BAR

Sign up now for the BAR Golf Tournament and Barbecue Dinner. The barbecue includes steak, chicken and the works. The tournament is at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley on Friday, July 20. Play will be a scramble format with a shotgun start. First, second and third place winners will receive cash prizes. To receive an informational flyer contact **Shawn Moore** of Old Republic Title at 510-527-4700 or Steve Yoshimura of Nakamura Realty at 510-848-4288.

LAST CHANCE FOR BAY CRUISE

Today is the day for the WCR 4th Annual Bay Cruise & Networking Extravaganza. Hosted by the San Francisco Chapter, all area chapters are invited to attend. This event is always a sellout, so make your reservation now. Boarding is at 2:45 p.m. on the Monte Carlo Yacht, Pier 33, San Francisco Bay, at Embarcadero and Bay. The cruise is from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information contact **Chairperson Betty Sun Wong** at 888-BETTY-WCR.

MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

CARL Hot August Nites
The next meeting of the Califor-

nia Association of Real Lenders is a theme party "Guest Nites". Members guests are asked to wear jeans and give the Cash call for reservations at 1847.

CAMB
The California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) to keep mortgage professionals updated and informed. A meeting is held monthly with speakers discussing trends. Networking kicks off each meeting, held on the first day of each month. To find out call the CAMB Hotline at 800-2663.

CARL Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday morning Breakfast Meetings presented by the California Association of Real Estate Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 a.m. at the Olympic Boulevard. Starts promptly at 8:15 a.m. Fast refreshments are served. info? Want to become a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

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Days in the lives of Tarpoft and Talbert included Robin Hood, a special birthday

Monday 370 in a series of true stories in real estate. There are some of the things we've been up to in the last week.

I started reading about Robin Hood. This is interesting: knew he was the rich to give to the poor, but I never read about Robin being involved because we're used to be marketing a castle-like house in Berkeley, one with a class. I know Robin Hood (or maybe I can use Robin Hood) on the house. I was a suggestion of a medieval knight to this present day house. The cooks I have say Robin Hood, although technically a criminal, was chivalrous, manly, fair, and was ready for a joke. I had no idea he was and am tickled by this description.

We went to look at a house for a woman who is getting a divorce and thinking she'll need to sell in order to buy her husband out. Also, a woman whose husband recently died. She's trying to decide what to do with their income. I did more research on both of these before I made recommendations. I spent some time, Anet and I and our agent friends, talking about how we recently are disappointed by the prices we think are right. We apparently become attuned to a market where almost every house sells with multiple offers at prices hugely higher than asking, and they are reluctant to believe things are changing.

I attended to much scheduled work on two listings we were coming up, and have new admiration for the skills of a good general contractor. One of our houses is getting a new roof, and electrical main. Also, painting and floor refinishing. It's a lot of work, but so that each person can do his work without interference from the others.

First the floors and roof, then the asbestos removal people. Can't let the painters in the house before the floor coating is dry. Can't connect the furnace until the electrician runs a new circuit, and so on. The man hanging light fixtures at another house called a couple of us for clarification on which one was where. We called the stager, who, called the man back.

Worked on the flyer for that used parts of three days this week, and it's now done. Looks great. We took a photo of children on this as an inspiration I had the first time we went to the house more than two years ago. I took one look at the grand full-width porch and front stairs at this beautiful Arts and Crafts house and "saw" kids living there.

The image remained, and a couple of weeks ago, we had a photo session. There are four kids, ages 17, a couple of them (the girls)

quiet and demure, the others (boys, of course) full of mischief and funny face making.

I went to the city permit department to see if I could find out when the house was built, but found nothing. Fortunately, a friend of the owner who works for the city's Cultural Heritage Survey office, kindly found the date (1912) and the builder (McGinness), but that was about as much history as we were able to locate.

We stopped to say goodbye and to give hugs and house photos to

A faithful reader left us a message wishing me a happy birthday. She added that it is her and her husband's 64th wedding anniversary — same day — July 4.

the seller of our last listing. Margaret is moving to Houston, and we will surely miss her. She was a dream to work with: sharp, fun to talk to, always reasonable and accommodating. She listened to what we had to say and followed through with every detail.

The garage key disappeared at one house; had to get a new padlock and key. Of the three keys we had made for a back door, only two worked; must take one back. Bought a new lockbox for our workmen to use. Called Jill, the miracle window cleaner, to give her the lockbox combination.

Stager says house needs a little more cleaning. Too hard to get someone there so Anet and I use steel wool #0000 to polish stainless steel sink and stove top and wash the parts of the window sills

that show when the windows are open. Looks better, feels good.

Talked with a buyer about a house he's seen and likes. He wanted to know if it's still available, and it is; the price has even been reduced. But his wife says they must have two baths, and this house has only one. They'll keep looking.

Really nice birthday with friends. Weather not too hot. Barbecued ribs, made macaroni salad, stuffed eggs, and angel food cake. Listened to the Beatles. Fun.

My son, Nick, needed a ride to the YMCA in Modesto from which he would go to camp for a week, so Anet and I drove him. On the way back we stopped at the Alameda County fair. Had so much fun. Bought magic car wax (removes tree pitch), saw the tallest weed entries, and witnessed the chicken calling contest. Anet wanted to enter and practiced her best chicken sounds, but the contest was for kids who signed up ahead of time, brought their own chickens, and did no cackling. They called, "Here Esmeralda, come here." Anet was disappointed.

The buyers completed their inspections on our latest listing and removed their contingency. The appraiser has been there too, so the seller can relax back in her home for a couple of weeks before it's time for her to move.

We're all pleased, and we're looking forward to meeting the buyers who sound like the nicest of people. Best news: they love the house, as does the seller. It's been hard for her to let it go after 34 years there.

The stager on one house called to report she's found just the right mailbox. Stager on second house says breakfast room windows painted shut, can we arrange to open them? Also, when should she remove her things from the house that just sold?

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She added that it is her and her husband's 64th wedding anniversary — same day — July 4. Loved hearing this.

Back to the Knights of the Round Table

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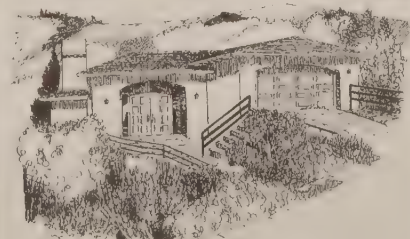
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Once you decide to sell, you need to emotionally detach yourself from your home and the personal property inside. For the time you have owned it, it has been your place. From now on, it is merchandise to be staged. This is how you maximize the selling price.

Remove, remove, remove

We all have too much stuff. As a seller, you need to show your home in its best light. For most, this means getting a lot of your personal possessions out of the house. Minimizing furniture and knickknacks can improve traffic flow and, possibly, make the house lighter and brighter.

At times, sellers resist getting rid of some large pieces of furniture because they are a headache to move and store. Despite their initial misgivings, after the sale, my sellers have universally felt that the effort was worthwhile. Some have told me later how, after the clean-out process, they liked their house better.

Buyers and agents often have trouble visualizing what a home could look like. Staging sets the scene and makes the statement you want. If necessary, sellers are usually willing to hire a professional for staging. This may involve substituting some or all of the belongings with rented furniture and ac-

cessories. Naturally, staging is de rigueur for vacant, upscale properties. From time to time, I see even staged houses with too much furniture. A few nice pieces to set the mood are much better than an excess of furnishings. The idea is to have it appear as spacious as possible.

Collections or clutter?

Have you ever walked into someone's home to find a room filled with their favorite collection? It could be model planes, trains, dolls, or glassware. Although the items may be attractive or interesting, normally there are so many it is overwhelming. This does not help the salability of the property.

Another example is an abundance of photographs and paintings on the walls. Generally, they are either family shots or samples of the homeowner's creativity. Although this may be done in good taste, more often than not I see homes filled with framed snapshots.

While your property is on the market, too many wall hangings can be a detriment. Bookcases, even if built-in, do not present the best visual effect when filled from floor to ceiling. A small number of books, strategically placed on each shelf, create a better impression.

Some sellers are open to suggestions from a professional who can be objective and not emotionally involved. Others find it difficult to hear that they need to remove what they have so proudly dis-

played. This is why I ask sellers for permission to be honest before sharing my opinions.

Keep storage neat

Buyers are always looking for sufficient storage. Older homes may be lacking in the closet department. This makes it particularly important to clean out your closets and minimize what is in them prior to marketing. Inexpensive storage racks and plastic containers can be helpful.

Garages and basements exist to store stuff we just cannot get ourselves to throw out or give away. This is because "it's still good" and we may be able to "use it for something" someday. I do not know anyone who is not guilty of the above thinking.

Nonetheless, if you are getting ready to sell, bite the bullet and let go of all the junk you have not used for years. The truth is you actually have more space than you think; it is just filled with the odds and ends you have long ago forgotten.

Final thoughts

It is not always easy to see our home as others see it. This is critical when it comes time to sell and is why a Realtor experienced in preparing properties for sale is essential.



DON DUNNING

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Getting a house ready for sale usually takes months. It almost always is more time consuming than you think. Choose an agent early in the process.

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De-cluttering can be strenuous and time-consuming, but there is a payoff. You not only should be able to move more dollars, but you will be moving without all that debris. Now you can start the process all over again.

For a copy of my previous, related article, *Preparing To Sell*, visit my Web site at www.eastbay-re.com, or call me.

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PRICE REDUCTION \$369,500

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1449 West View Drive, Oakland

This newly constructed Spanish/Mediterranean offers stunning SF & CG views. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, plus gourmet kitchen and adjacent family room. Gorgeous detailing includes high ceilings, arched windows, rustic beams, and a level out terrace, perfect for outdoor dining.

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175 Mountain Avenue New Listing \$1,595,000
Classic traditional on a corner lot in central Piedmont. 4+BR/2.5BA, family room, gardens, pool and extra spaces for office or exercise room. Gorgeous! Katherine Cooper

431 Pacific Avenue New Price \$995,000
View • View • View • This home boasts fabulous views, spacious rooms, a great floor plan with lovely hardwood floors, 4BR/3BA and a rumpus room. Elizabeth Dickson



240 Wildwood Avenue New Listing \$619,000
Charming Dutch Colonial. Beautifully updated w/ traditional details intact. Remodeled kitchen level to spacious deck. 2+BR/1+BA. Lovely garden. Elizabeth Dickson

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2390-92 Eunice St. \$950,000
BERKELEY. Wonderful (c.1912) brown-shingled 5+BR + 2BA + apartment + home office w/bath. Box beam ceilings, fireplaces, built-ins, remodeled kitchen, views. Chris Cohn

1047 Sunnyhills Rd. New Price \$799,000
Sunny Crocker Highlands English with exquisite period detailing, 4BR, home office, kitchen level to beautiful private garden/patio. Judith Cain

388 44th Street New Listing \$439,000
Charming 3+BR/1BA Temescal home. Updated eat-in kitchen, large living room, formal dining room, fenced rear garden & separate studio. Karen Starr



1053 Sunnyhills Road \$895,000
Grand English Tudor w/elegant formal living & dining room, remodeled eat-in kitchen, master suite, 2 additional BR/3BA. Home office & sunny garden. James Garcia

681 Vernon Street New Listing \$769,000
Built in a time when craftsman took great pride in their work, this 3BR/3BA home is a feast for the eyes. Come and discover this architectural treasure. Mavis Delacroix



260 Mather Street New Listing \$399,000
Popular Piedmont Ave. neighborhood. 3+BR/2BA. Eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, fireplace, level yard. Close to shops and cafes. Donna DeBardi

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Private Gardens \$899,000
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PIEDMONT. Fabulous home w/newly landscaped garden, updated kitchen. Pool & patio. 5BR/3BA. Angela Wei Grubb

Urban Retreat \$869,000
BERKELEY. Almost 2 acres w/striking 4BR/2BA contemporary home + guest house. Chris Cohn

Oakland Live/Work Loft \$445,000
Contemporary loft w/designer upgrades. 1BR/1BA + office. Home theater, custom patio/garden & 2 skylights. Ed Kuo

Classic Craftsman New Listing \$435,000
BERKELEY. Classic 3BR/2BA Craftsman restored w/original detail & built-ins. Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen. Jill Carrigan

Charming Bungalow \$329,000
2BR/1BA w/hill & wooded views. Living room w/fireplace & hardwood floors, formal dining, garden. Kurt Buchholz

Sophisticated Live/Work Loft \$310,000
OAKLAND. Urban loft. Open 2-story floor plan. 1BR/1BA, upgraded kitchen. Garden patio. Parking. Donna DeBardi

Piedmont Pines Lots \$149,000
OAKLAND. Two downslope lots in Piedmont Pines on Longcroft Dr. off Ascot Dr. All utilities avail. Debra J. Dryden

Builders Dream \$65,000
OAKLAND. Four contiguous lots to be sold as a package. Easy upslope on a beautiful tree lined street. Jill Carrigan

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CLEMENT HILLS \$2,275,000
6809 BUCKINGHAM (Open 2-4:30)
Finishing 3900 ± sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA custom w/S.F. & Golden Gate views. Gourmet kitchen/family room, Luxury master suite. Approx. 1/2 acre. Spectacular. Nancy Noman x373



MONTCLAIR \$1,399,000
691 RUTLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Finishing 3900 ± sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA custom w/S.F. & Golden Gate views. Formal dining, kitchen/family room & den. Exceptional quality! Dee Knowland x318

CLEMENT HILLS \$1,295,000
1449 WEST VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Gorgeous new Spanish/Mediterranean w/SF & GG views, high ceilings, arched windows, rustic beams, level out terrace. 4BR/3+BA. Patricia Scott x315

MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
6415 THORNDAL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Planning 4-bridge bay & S.F. views from architect designed contemporary. Outstanding amenities. Near regional parks and hiking trails. Ann Nichols x319



CLEMENT HILLS \$925,000
6915 NORFOLK RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Meticulous attention to details. Architectural open quality kitchen, luxurious master w/ dressing areas & central courtyard. 4BR/2.5BA. David Ichikawa x331

PIEDMONT \$819,000
130 SCENIC AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Central Piedmont Mediterranean w/expansive views. Family room, hardwood floors, updated & impeccable condition. 3BR/1+BA Bonnie Hirsch x337

MONTCLAIR \$739,000
81 BAY FOREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Sunny Bay/Lake Merritt views. 2-year old sunny 4BR/3.5BA, 2 master suites, 3 fireplaces, approx. 3375 sq. ft., hardwood floors. Robyn x310 & Wendy x303

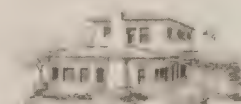
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181 MANZANITA DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Unsurpassed views of bridges, cities, mountains & Bay. 4+BR/3.5BA hilltop home w/ den, rumpus, decks & patio. Over 3800 sq. ft. Kathleen Callahan x343

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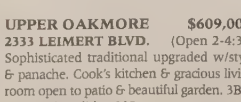
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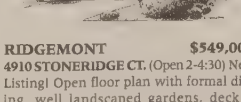
SHEFFIELD VILLAGE \$675,000
11740 CRANFORD WY (Open 2-4:30)
Incredible bay & S.F. views. Spacious 4+BR/3BA, 2 fireplaces, large family room. Steps from open space & hiking trails. Beautiful! Ann Nichols x319



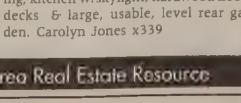
PIEDMONT \$659,000
232 WILDWOOD AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Wonderful 3+BR/2BA near Wildwood School. Light & airy, formal entry, formal dining, plus room, huge sunny garden & deck. Martha Holstlaw x312



UPPER OAKMORE \$609,000
2333 LEIMERT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Sophisticated traditional upgraded w/style & panache. Cook's kitchen & gracious living room open to patio & beautiful garden. 3BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x305



RIDGEMONT \$549,000
4910 STONERIDGE CT. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Open floor plan with formal dining, well landscaped gardens, deck & serene canyon views. 3BR/2.5BA. Anne Feste x371



MONTCLAIR \$549,000
8066 SHEPHERD CANYON (Open 2-4:30)
Pristine, private 3BR/2BA. Formal dining, kitchen w/skylight, hardwood floors, decks & large, usable, level rear garden. Carolyn Jones x339

Open Sunday

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$527,000
4709 DAVENPORT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 3+BR/2BA home w/ S.F. bay & G. views, great room & large family room to deck and garden. Rich Gould x347



ALAMEDA \$525,000
1027 FOUNTAIN ST. (Open 2-4:30) Sunny 3BR/1.5BA in terrific condition. New kitchen, large family room. Private fenced back yard with deck. Dick Cohen x308 & Sandi Klemmer x314



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$489,500
4273 ATLAS AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Lovely Tudor style home w/ fine architectural detailing. 3BR/2BA, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, plus room w/dance floor & level yard. Diane Earl McCan x352



MONTCLAIR \$489,000
55 CHELTON LANE (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Updated dramatic Tom Lowe contemporary with San Francisco Bay and canyon views. 3BR/2BA. Teri Carlisle x305



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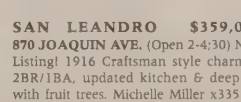
HADDON HILL \$485,000
845 PROSPECT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Wonderful traditional on corner lot. 3BR/2BA, large living room w/bay window, FP, built in bookcases, hardwood floors. Donna Costella x355



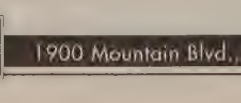
PIEDMONT \$475,000
914 ROSE AVE. (Open 2-4:30) Freshly updated 3BR/1.5BA home w/ large updated kitchen, newly refinished hardwood floors, formal dining, professionally landscaped yards. Debi Fitzgerald x306



TEMESCAL \$399,000
419 43RD ST. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Charming bungalow w/craftsman touches, built-ins, wainscoting & fireplace. Sunny garden. Terrific location. 2BR/1BA. Teri Carlisle x305



SAN LEANDRO \$359,000
870 JOAQUIN AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! 1916 Craftsman style charmer. 2BR/1BA, updated kitchen & deep lot with fruit trees. Michelle Miller x334



LAUREL DISTRICT \$329,000
4433 HYACINTH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming bungalow w/formal dining room, hardwood floors, open floor plan & eat-in kitchen. 2BR/1BA. Vicki Woodhead x334

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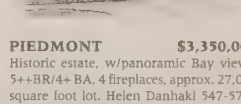
MAXWELL PARK \$269,000
5127 FLEMING ST. (Open 2-5) Charming 2+BR/1BA bungalow w/updated kitchen, sunroom, formal dining & "plus rooms." Cheryl Hargett x375



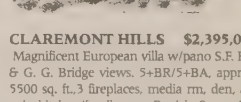
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$239,000
4139 GREGORY ST. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Darling 1+BR/1BA cottage with wooded fenced yard on quiet street. Wendy Gardner x303



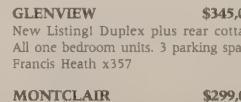
PIEDMONT \$3,350,000
Historic estate, w/panoramic Bay views. 5+BR/4+BA, 4 fireplaces, approx. 27,000 square foot lot. Helen Danhaki 547-5750 & Charlotte Boyle x370



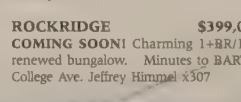
CLEMENT HILLS \$2,395,000
Magnificent European villa w/pano S.F. Bay & G. Bridge views. 5+BR/5+BA, approx. 5500 sq. ft., 3 fireplaces, media rm, den, au-pair, kitchen/family rm. Patricia Scott x315



CLEMENT HILLS \$595,000
Almost new 4BR/3+BA close to Claremont Hotel. Hardwood floors, den, formal dining, eat-in kitchen & private back patio. Patricia Scott x315



GLENVIEW \$345,000
New Listing! Duplex plus rear cottage. All one bedroom units. 3 parking spaces. Francis Heath x357



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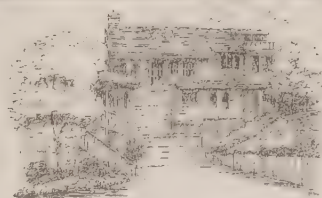
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Beautiful 3/2 split-level home with hardwood floors in kitchen, fireplace, attached garage plus fantastic view from park-like yard. This is a 10! 4122 Tompkins Maria Sinclair 510-339-4000

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One of the best homes in the Hayward Hill in a nice serene cul-de-sac. Ready to move in. 3267 Urso Way, Hayward A.D. Nassiri 510-339-4000



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SPACIOUS MAXWELL PARK STARTER.....\$299,000
Good floor plan; new kitchen and baths, large yard, FDR. Perfect for first-time buyers. 3000 Kingsland Maria Sinclair 510-339-8400

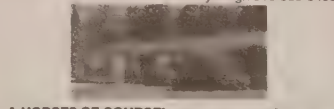
CHARMING CRAFTSMAN.....\$289,000
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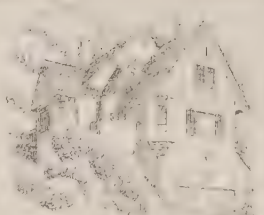
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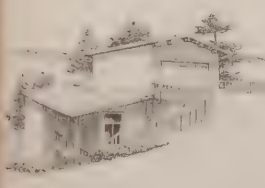
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55 Chelton Lane, Oakland

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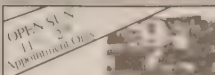
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Ruth Frassetto x147... \$1,500,000



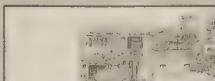
View Duplex North Berkeley
A pair of one-bedroom flats in the hills. Each has a firep. lovely views of the Bay & across the campus. The u...
Mary Montali x14...



18 Noble Court
Magnificent 5BR 3.5BA Mediterranean estate with a swimming pool set among lush sunny gardens. Bay views. Quiet Street, 1/4...
Mary Montali x132... \$1,275,000



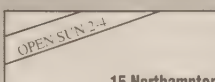
1020 Overlook Road
Very special one level entry from attach...
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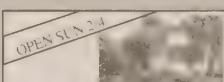
Monterey Colonial
4BR, 2.5BA first time ever on market beautiful Monterey colonial panoramic Bay views, large garden...
Jack McPhail x135... \$825,000



7020 Devon Way
Spacious & elegant traditional with Canyon & Bay views. Located just above the Claremont Hotel. 5+BR, 3.5BA...
Anne Walrand x146...



15 Northampton
Stunning custom contemporary. Level in 5+BR, 3BA. Open exciting home with S.F. views. Walk to Coffee...
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2010 Berryman St.
Charming, light & bright 1920's home, versatile, 4+BR, 2BA. Home plan. Lg. Liv. rm w/firepl, sep din rm. East-in delightful kitchen. Office, utility rm. Garage, converted into a 2nd living area. Close to Love Oak Park, Monterey, Market & Gourmet Ghettos...
Ruth Frassetto x147... \$995,000



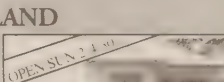
3228 Adeline - Great Income Opportunity
Built in 1904 William Wharf, this historic property was once the Carlton Hotel. There are 4 spacious 3BR apt & 2 store fronts. Gross income is \$105,000.
Jack McPhail x135 & Suzie Scherill x144... \$750,000



1431 Grant Street North Berkeley
Desirable 2BR, 1BA with charm & great location.
Anne Van Dyke x137... \$495,000



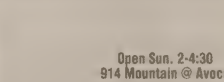
Upper Oakmore 4400 Bridgeview
Terrific 3BR, 2BA on a great street. Beautifully maintained, deck with Bay views, convenient to pub trans & Montclair Village.
Anne Van Dyke x137... \$529,000



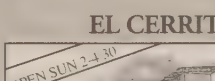
5114 Coronado Rockridge
Remodeled craftsman w/beautiful detail! 2 1/2 kitchen/fam. rm sunny deck & garden, detached garage! Walk to BART & shops.
Bebe McRae x145... \$475,000



260 Caldecott Lane #103
Gorgeous 2BR, 2BA customised "Mediterranean" plan condo. Leah outlooks, most quiet location, 2 assigned parking spaces. Lighting carpet & decorator detail upgrades.
Rita Swift x140... \$339,000



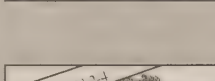
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914 Mountain @ Avoca
3+BR, 3BA, 3700 sq. ft., built in 1993!
Leslie Eastaday x134... \$1,235,000



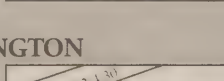
6630 Gatto Avenue
Enjoy panoramic views, fine design & flow. 3BR, 2BA, family room, level out to garden. Gini Erick x133... \$495,000



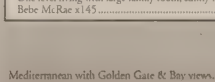
Albany Gem 1452 Portland
This wonderful Tudor offers a light filled living room with vaulted ceilings and fireplace, formal dining room, 3 BR, + room & nice yard. Located in the heart of Albany.
Helene Barkin x124... \$449,000



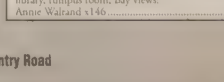
23 Anson Way
One level living with large family room, sunny level yard. 3BR, 1.5BA.
Bebe McRae x145... \$515,000



750 Wellesley Avenue
Roger Lee contemporary in peaceful neighborhood. 3BR, 2BA, library, rumpus room, Bay views!
Anne Walrand x146... \$545,000



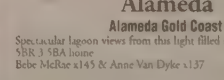
821 Coventry Road
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531 25th St - \$165,000
673 28th St - \$230,000
642 30th St - \$230,000
550 34th St - \$245,000
536 4th St - \$158,000
1733 7th St - \$180,000
756 9th St - \$181,500
830 Bissell Ct - \$140,000
1201 Brickyard #405 - \$260,000
5298 Coach Dr - \$439,000
735 Devils Drop Ct - \$470,000
2905 Grant Av - \$270,000
5420 Highland Av - \$330,000
2103 Hoffman Bl - \$200,000
2111 Lincoln Av - \$220,500
124 Maine Av - \$82,000
1371 Monterey St - \$190,000
1528 Monterey St - \$257,000
3603 Ohio Av - \$185,000
1519 Palm Av - \$260,000
217 Ripley Av - \$143,000
6204 Sacramento Av - \$317,000
1929 San Benito St - \$405,000
2131 Sea Shell Dr - \$358,000
3934 Selmi - \$438,000
3009 Shane Dr - \$265,000
371 South 22nd St - \$170,000
423 South 28th St - \$230,000
520 South 37th St - \$250,000
731 Wilson Av - \$205,000

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1395 139th Av - \$511,000
1410 150th Av - \$525,000
15552 Argonne St - \$325,000
2406 Belvedere Av - \$295,000
1400 Carpenter 420 - \$215,000

479 Dolores Av - \$338,000
158 Garcia Av - \$260,000
15284 Hesperian Bl - \$263,000
14245 Maracaibo Rd - \$337,000
14139 Reed Av - \$405,000
14773 Sylvia Wy - \$315,000
504 Thornton St - \$247,500

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$323,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$632,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$489,500

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$177,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$376,250

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,230,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$599,214

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$313,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$431,750

EL SOLANO

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$226,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$325,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$263,667

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$270,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 94
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,160,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$313,894

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$539,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$862,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$585,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$662,333

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 31
LOWEST PRICE: \$82,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$470,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$230,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$246,758

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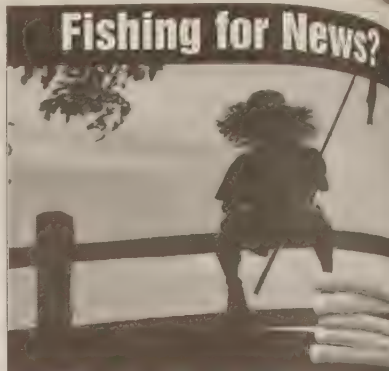
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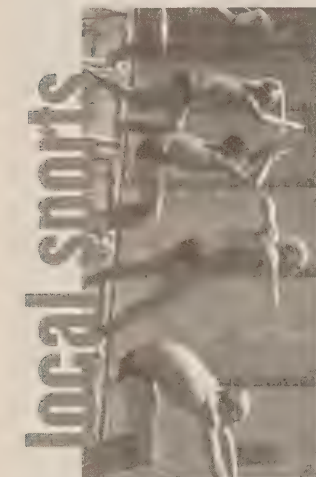
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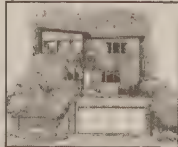
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1001 Shoreline Dr. Open Saturday Vincent San Nicolas	230/28A 510-523-8585	2-4:30	\$336,000
329 Central Ave. Open Sunday Nancy Ann	298 510-522-0968 Kane & Associates	2-4	\$335,000
1112 Post Open Sun Nancy Brandt	380/11Ba 510-514-4823 Harbor Bay Realty	2-4	\$325,000
1075 Jost Lane Open Sunday Agara Broadway	380 510-332-7050 Kane & Associates	2-4	\$323,800
409 Broadway Open Sun Kathy Ghiselli	218 510-522-6425 Gallagher & Lindsay	2-4	\$319,000
111 Fontaine Open Sun Jane Fierlich	280/1.5Ba 510-514-4810 Harbor Bay Realty	2-4	\$318,000
1615 Walnut Open Sunday Chuck Blanzell	2 + 80/17A 510-4847 Harbor Bay Realty	2-4	\$299,000
2540 24th Ave. Open Sun Rosemary Mitchell	403-Ba 510-769-1845 Kane & Associates	2-4	\$249,000
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
612 Adams Open Sunday Thomson Properties, Savvy Parker & Stina Klett	230/18A 848-1950 1248 or 1235.	2-4	\$299,000
555 Pierce #1142 Open Sunday RED OAK	280/2Ba 510-286-2107, Marsha	2-4	\$265,000
BERKELEY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6809 Buckingham Open Sunday Nancy Newman, Pacific Union	580/4.5Ba 510-339-6450/373	2-4	\$2,275,000
1449 Westview Dr. Open Sunday Patricia Scott, Pacific Union	480/3 + BA 510-339-6460	2-4:30	\$1,295,000
2390 925 Eunice Street Open Sunday Chris Collis, The GRUBBS Co.	403-Ba 510-339-0400	2-4:30	\$950,000
6915 Norfolk Rd. Open Sunday David Kinoshita, Pacific Union	480/2.53Ba 510-339-6460/231	2-4	\$925,000
1844 Vine St. Open Sunday Jürgen Aist	480/2.5Ba 510-526-5143, Prudential CA Realty	2-4	\$825,000
1011 King Open Sunday Meyer Realty Company	3 + 80/2Ba 510-286-2147	2-4	\$799,000
151 The Uplands Open Sunday Suzanne Paul, The GRUBBS Co.	380/2Ba 510-339-0400	2-4:30	\$759,000
737 Spruce St. Open Sunday Arlene Baxter	380/2.5Ba 510-524-8888, Berkeley Hills	2-4:30	\$660,000
737 Spruce St. Open Sunday Arlene Baxter	380/2.5Ba 510-524-8888, Berkeley Hills.	2-4:30	\$660,000
1609 N. Josephine Open Sunday Gay & Kay	380/2-3888 + Ba 510-524-8888 x51, Berkeley Hills	2-4	\$619,000
1614 Visalia Ave. Open Sunday Thomson Properties, Kathryn Hill	481/2Ba 510-848-1950 1242.	2-4	\$599,000
885 Costa Costa Ave. s Open Sunday Meyer Realty Company	380/11Ba 510-769-4300, ext. 16	2-4:30	\$595,000
51 Boyl Hartle Open Sunday RED OAK	3 + 80/1Ba 510-286-2137, Francosco	2-6	\$565,000
9 Rosemont Open Sunday EKA Global Hills Brokers, Peggy Tate	280/2Ba 510-848-1950 1240.	2-4	\$555,000
731 Santa Barbara Open Sunday RED OAK	380/3Ba 510-286-2108, Ratchliffe	2-4	\$495,000
1539 Prince Open Sunday RED OAK	3 Kett + 510-286-2132, Mith	2-4	\$449,000
2923-25 MUX Jr. Way Open Sunday RED OAK	Duplex 510-286-2108, Ratchliffe	2-4	\$399,000
907 Bancroft Way Open Sunday RED OAK	380/1.5Ba 510-286-2175, Schuyler	1-5	\$399,000
1646 Russell Open Sun Carmen Grin, (510) 524-2525, Prudential CA Realty	380/1Ba 510-524-2525, Prudential CA Realty	2-4	\$385,000
1623 9th St. Open Sunday EKA Global Hills Brokers, Peggy Tate	280/1 510-848-1950 1240.	2-4	\$375,000
1216 Cordlie Open Sunday RED OAK	280/1Ba 510-286-2138, Diano	2-6	\$363,000
1410 Sanrio Fe Open Sunday Barbara Kaplan	280/-Ba 510-559-2912, Marlene Gardens	2-4	\$348,000
2444 Canal St. Open Sunday Peter Duvall	280/1Ba 510-324-8888 112, Berkeley Hills	2-4	\$269,000
CASTRO VALLEY			
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
16992 Grosvonor Dr. Open Sunday R. K. Prudential CA Realty	380/2Ba 510-825-0900	1-5	\$469,000
1801 Santa Maria Open Sunday Edward Hayes, Wells & Beant Realtors	380/18A 510-831-7000	2-4	\$389,000

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CONCORD										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
4590 Tolueme Way	380/28A	2-4:30	\$354,000							
Maken Ridge 510-339-9290	Prudential CA Realty									
907-914 Estrala Ct.	1 + b/d/2ba	2-4:30	\$300,000							
Sandy C. Prudential 510-339-9290										
DUBLIN										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
5108 Hartland	480	1-5	\$789,000							
Open Sunday										
Kathie Ng 925-736-7671 Kane & Associates										
EL CERRITO										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
7304 Pebble Beach Dr	580/58A	2-4	\$1,190,000							
Edward Long, Atty., LLW Develop. (415) 982-8608										
2620 Arlington	3 + Bd/2ba	1-4	\$745,000							
SI Address, 510-232-0281, Coldwell Banker Barlett										
1230 Brewster	384/25a	2-4	\$580,000							
Open Sunday										
Mervyn Rhodes, 510-559-2928, Marvin Gardens										
14 San Carlos Ave.	294/18a	2-4	\$429,000							
Open Sunday										
David Elm (510) 559-2905, Marvin Gardens										
1514 Elm	384/8a	2-4	\$709,000							
Open Sunday										
Norman Sun 510-559-2929, Marvin Gardens										
EL SOBRANTE										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
3329 Brentwood Ave.	564/38a	2-4	\$448,950							
Steve Kendall 510-462-8518 Security Pacific										
4452 Wesley Way	384/18a	1-4	\$249,000							
RED OAK 510-280-2103, Marc										
EMERYVILLE										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
1500 Park Ave. #312	280/28A	2-4:30	\$669,000							
Open Sunday										
Duff On 510-334-7000 Coldwell Banker										
4053 Harlan #216	1-4	2-4	\$392,000							
Lift, Open Sun										
Prudential CA Realty, Andrew Suttman 510-273-9192										
4053 Harlan St. #203	84/8a	2-4:30	\$385,000							
Open Sunday, Investor Bldg.										
Amico Park 510-527-2700, Marvin Gardens										
1900 Park Ave.	180/18A Sunday	\$348,000								
#121, 301, 402	2-3:45	\$398,000								
The Mark Co. 415-652-1776; 477-4203										
HAYWARD										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
3267 Ursay Way	388/28A	2-4:30	\$395,000							
Open Sunday Hayward										
Al. Hassel, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400										
631 Foster Ct. #2	380/11/8A	2-4:30	\$255,000							
Open Sunday										
Barbara M. Alameda Realty 510-919-9911										
HERCULES										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
381-383 Alcatraz	2 units	2-4:30	\$575,000							
Open Sunday Rockledge										
May Jane Mc Conville Montclair Better Homes 375-358-6400										
KENSINGTON										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
107 Arlington	384/28a	2-4:30	\$443,900							
Open Sunday										
Richard Morrison 510-527-2700 x32, Marvin Gardens										
LAFAYETTE										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
1955 Sunrise Ridge	488/3.58A	Sun 1-4	\$1,595,000							
Kelly Dale, 925-588-1123 x 245, Alain Pined Realtors										
OAKLAND										
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price							
429 52nd St.	384/18a	2-4	\$415,000							
Open Sunday										
Thurmond Properties, Colleen Larkin 510-848-1950 x240.										
132 Beechwood Dr.	488/48A	2-4:30	\$1,950,000							
Investment Firm										
Chris Christensen, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 ext. 212										
6075 Manchester Dr.	-80/-8A	2-4:30	\$1,850,000							
Open Rockledge										
Donna Conroy 510-339-9290 Prudential CA Realty										
5140 Proctor	580/3.58A	2-4:30	\$1,735,000							
Umesh Rameshji										
Helen Kaur 510-339-9290 Prudential CA Realty										
6291 Ruthland Rd.	488/3.58A	2-4:30	\$1,399,000							
Open Sunday, Montclair										
David Eckard 510-339-9400 Coldwell Banker										
1845 Norwood Ct.	380/38A	2-4:30	\$1,295,000							
Peter Nicolopoulos, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-339-9780										
1001 Ocean View Dr.	480/2.58A	2-4:30	\$1,286,000							
Rockledge										
Horvath Larkin-Green 510-534-2010 Prudential CA Realty										
6415 Thandale Dr.	-80/-8A	2-4:30	\$1,195,000							
Open Sun/Montclair										
Ann Nichols 510-339-9460/219 Pacific Union										
8050 Broadway Ter.	480/3.58A	2-4:30	\$1,105,000							
Open Sun, Montclair										
Laurel Strand Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400										
34 Villanova Ln.	480/0 - BA	2-4:30	\$1,150,000							
Open Sun, Montclair										
David Eckard 510-339-9400 Coldwell Banker										
3030 Holyrood	380/28A	2-4:30	\$999,000							
Open Sun, Montclair										
Donna Conroy 510-339-9290 Coldwell Banker										
6150 Mazatlan Dr.	480/3.58A	2-4:30	\$990,000							
Montclair										
Sandy C. Prudential 510-339-9290										
2509 Sunnyside Road	3 + b/d/3BA	2-4:30	\$895,000							
James Gardner, The GUNBRO Co. 510-339-0400										

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6188 Ocean View Open Sunday Glass/Sales, Prudential CA Realty 510-328-6055	480/2BA	2-6	\$875,000
1589 Treble Glen Rd. Croker Holdings Tel Montreal, Prudential CA Realty 510-428-0900	480/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$825,000
1047 Sunnyside Judith Cain, THE GRUBB Co. 510-333-0400	480/-4A	2-4:30	\$799,000
6607 Heartwood Dr. Roberts & Wandy, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	380/2 - BA	2:30-5	\$768,200
Dobora Lamson 510-339-8290 Prudential CA Realty			
53 Basy Forest Dr.	4 + 8Q/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$738,000
Open Sunday			
Ridley & Wandy, Pacific Union 510-339-6460			
Open Sun, Redwood Heights	380/2BA	2-5:00	\$699,000
Nancy Dickey 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker			
4235 Terrabella Way Open Sun Arlind Kaskas, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-8400	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$695,000
1637 Mazzanti Dr. Open Sun, Redwood Heights Kathleen Callahan, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$690,000
7153 Woodview Open Sun, Montclair Martin Star, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-8400	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$689,000
987 Trevelin Glen Open Sun, REDUCED PRICE - Crocker Highlands A Must Sell 510-783-6461	2 - bdr/2ba	1-6	\$689,000
5506 Estates Drive Open Sun Ross Grant 510-814-4713 Harbor Bay Realty	480/3ba	2-4	\$675,000
4455 Oak Hill Road Open Sun, Redwood Heights Alan Pined Rivers, Elmore Harrison 925-814-1111 1207	4 bdr/3 ba	1-5	\$669,000
4455 Oak Hill Road Open Sunday RED DMJ, 510-280-2162, Sarya	4 bdr/3 ba	2-4	\$650,000
1833 Woodhaven Open Sun, Montclair Fiona McIlroy 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	580/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$619,000
2303 Leimert Blvd. Open Sun, Oakland Tel California 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2BA	11-4:00	\$600,000
565 Bellevue Ave Steve Kelley, The Reiser Group, 925-899-0123	2BA/2BA	1-4	\$599,000
492 Brunell Dr. Open Sun, Oakland Nahid Kasbi, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-8400	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$595,000
4001 Oakmonte Rd. Open Sun, Oakland Tony Kalita 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - bdr/2BA	2-6:00	\$590,000
5885 Scarborough Open Sun Alain Fiedt Resilience, Caroline Caputo 925-648-6000 1250	3 bdr/2 ba	1-4	\$579,000
5885 Scarborough Open Sun Alain Fiedt Resilience, Caroline Caputo 925-648-6000 1270	3 bdr/2 ba	1-4	\$579,000
4910 Stoneridge Ct. Open Sun, Ridgecrest Anne Fests 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$549,000
6056 Shepherd Canyon Open Sun, Montclair Carolyne Jean, 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$549,000
4709 Davenport Ave. Redwood Heights Rich Oatis, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	3 - bdr/2BA	2-4:30	\$537,000
29115 Morgan Ave. Upper Laurel 2 Houses Bill Miller 510-982-0214 Phoenixville Landmark III	480/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$519,000
4388 Norton Ave. (925) 855-9033	480/2ba 5a/2a	2-4	\$508,000
5935 Locksley Vickie & James, Prudential CA Realty 510-428-9900	280/-4A	2-5	\$499,000
642 El Dorado Teresa Jones, 510-824-2526, Prudential CA Realty	4 + bdr/2ba	2-4	\$494,000
36260 St. Open Sun, Redwood Heights Rosemary Greene Claybaugh Montclair Better Homes 510-339-8400	380/1 + BA	2-4:30	\$490,000
4275 Atlas Ave. Redwood Heights Diane Earl McCann, 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$489,500
55 Chelton Lane Montclair Teri Carlin, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$489,500
4209 Dunsmuir Open Sun, Redwood Heights George Karant 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	380/2BA	2-6:00	\$489,000
645 Prospect Ave. Hickman III Donna Cristofalo 510-339-6460 ext. 355 Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$485,000
4735 Whittier Open Sun, Oakland Rainer Olson 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 - bdr/2BA	2-4:30	\$479,000
1846 Thrin Rd. Argentine Sales, 510-453-8996, Jim Diamante	380/2Ba	2-4:30	\$479,000
3545 Cerrito Ave Prudential Area Lewisa Rodriguez, Ron Kicia, 510-457-5370, www.PrudentialHome.com/atlca.com	280/2BA	12-6	\$479,000
5504 Kaleia Michael Strutsaker, 510-748-1129 Gallagher & Augher	280/-4A	2-4:30	\$478,000
233 Mariner St. Phyllis Hansen P. Kennedy, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-331-7000 ext.204	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$475,000
5445 Carlton St. Michael Strutsaker, 510-748-1129 Gallagher & Augher	280/1BA	1-6	\$469,000
309 4th Street Beth Baesthart, THE GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	1 - bdr/1BA	2-4:30	\$455,000
644 Valle Vista Ave. Grace Yu, 510-530-5771, Evelyn West	3 - bdr/2ba	2-4:30	\$450,000

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Address		Beds	Baths	Homes	Price
3022 Jordan Rd Open Sunday Kelsie McCann, 510-982-4446		3 • BA/2BA	2-3/20	\$448,000	
Kelsie McCann, 510-982-4446 Gallagher & Limity					
311 4th #121 Open Sunday Janis Lutz, 510-982-9487		Loft	1-4	\$448,000	
737 2nd St. #310 The Mark Co. 415-852-3776; 377-4203		1801/BA	Sun. 12-2	\$448,000	
1703 Alhambra Lane Boutique Jim Fargue, 510-339-8900 ext. 218		200A	2-3/20	\$449,000	
4028 Garner Open Sunday Gary Saxe, Lincoln Heights Jerry Lindo, 510-339-4700		2 • BA/2BA Columbia Boulder	2-3/30	\$449,000	
6784 Paso Robles Coral Cohnes John Pardo, 510-339-8900 ext. 225		200A/2BA	2-4/30	\$449,000	
3915 Cerrito Ave. HomeSmart Lorena Anderson, Ron Kries, 510-547-5970, www.PotomacAcademy.realty.com		280/2BA	12-5	\$453,000	
368 44th Street Karen Starr, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400		1 - BA/1BA	2-3/20	\$458,000	
1913 Cerrito Ave. Sunshine Realty Lorena Anderson, Ron Kries, 510-547-5970, www.PotomacAcademy.realty.com		280/2BA	12-5	\$459,000	
1182-84 Ocean Open Sunday RED DAI 510-280-2117		Bayley	2-4	\$459,000	
4220 Lakeshore Ave. Lincoln Heights Carol Rozzelle, Wells & Bennett Realtors		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$459,000	
232 E 264 232 E 264		510-531-7000			
232 Victor Ave. Redwood Heights Morgan Sullivan, 510-339-8900 x243		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$459,000	
10754 Holloman St. Georgia Richardson, Richardson R.E.Servs 510-569-3459		3 - BA/2BA	2-4/30	\$459,000	
2164 Bona St Jillmi Sun Tom Anthony, Anthony Associates, 510-834-2300		Tft plus	2-4	\$415,000	
4122 Tompkins Open Sun., Redwood Heights Mara Sinclair, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400		300/2BA	2-4/30	\$415,000	
44 Syngasm Hill Open Sun., Hiller Park Nancy Palatka, Prudential CA 510-945-0632		280/1.5BA	2-4	\$410,000	
444 Rich St Open Sun., Prudential CA Patricia Minkinen 510-339-9290		280/1BA	2-5	\$410,000	
260 Mather Street Open Sun. Carin Carre, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400		3 • BA/2BA	2-4/30	\$399,000	
4331 Tompkins Open Sun., Redwood Heights Phyllis Wherry 510-339-4700		2 • BA/1BA	2-4/30	\$399,000	
419 43rd St. Emmanuel Kim Wallace 510-539-6486 Pacific Union		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$399,000	
180 Caldecott Ln. 2 HomeSmart Palma Minkinen 510-339-9290		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$389,000	
562 Allen St. Open Sun., Hiller Park Michael Harding, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$389,000	
3908 Fairway Ave. Sequoia Homes Kevin Hertz, 510-339-8900 x240, Century 21 Heritage		2bd/1.5ba	2-5	\$379,000	
3452 Crane Open Sun., Joaquin Hills Garry Blumstein 510-339-4700		300/2BA	2-4/30	\$369,000	
3401-3403 Maple Ave. SW42 - Ila Open Sunday Grace Liu 510-330-2731, Equity West		SW42 - Ila	2-4/30	\$365,000	
5189 Fleming Mountain View Katie Phillips 510-436-4110 Wells & Bennett Realtors		300/2BA	2-4/30	\$349,000	
2924 Maxwell Ave. HomeSmart Plus Katie Phillips 510-436-4110 Wells & Bennett Realtors		300/1BA	2-4/30	\$349,000	
255 3rd #208 Open Sun., Jack London Square Lydia Moore 510-339-4700		1801/BA	1-4/30	\$340,000	
8227 Noy Ave. Tom Ennis, 510-339-8900 ext. 230, Century 21		Cadwell Banker	2-4/30	\$340,000	
7308 Atura Pl Yoni Lee 510-414-6440		1801/BA	2-4	\$335,000	
4351 Steele Street open Sun Rita Ruscholtz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$329,000	
681 Vernon Street New Homes Marie Belorost, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-9400		300/3BA	2-4/30	\$329,000	
4433 Myrcine Blvd. Luxury Homes Tina Hinesford 510-539-6486 Pacific Union		290/1BA	2-4/30	\$329,000	
1122/124 53rd St Open Sun., Oakland Gary Rodriguez, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400		2 • BA/2BA	2-4/30	\$325,000	
2211 Rawson St. Adrienne Nash, Prudential CA 510-763-4066		300/2BA	2-5	\$319,000	
1144 90th Ave. Duplex Open Saturday Re/Max East Bay Realty, Era Parata 510-494-4772		580/-BA	2-4/30	\$299,000	
3000 Kingsland Open Sun., Mount Pleasant Maria Sinclair, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400		280/1 - BA	2-4/30	\$299,000	
463 Jean St. Open Sat., Rose Garden Jim Schobert, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400		2BD1 - BA	2-4/30	\$295,000	
830 Center Kathy Birch 510-814-4706		300/1.5Ba	1-4	\$289,000	
280 Caldecott Ln. 1-910 #126 #325 Chris Brady 510-339-8900 ext. 217, Century 21		1-910 #126	2-4/30	\$289,000	
3421 43rd St. Open Sun., N. Oakland Gary Rodriguez, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-9400		3 - BA/1BA	2-4/30	\$289,000	
199 Monticello Ave. #402 Open Sat., Lake Merritt/Oakland Barbara Rosner, Wells & Bennett Realtors 510-531-7000 X 264		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$289,000	
518 43rd St. North Oakland Lois Harris 510-834-2010/287-2521		300/1BA	2-4	\$269,000	
2127 Fleming St. Cheryl Hargett 510-339-6486 Pacific Union		2 • BA/1BA	2-5	\$269,000	
555 Jean St. #428 Home Smart Sherry Long 510-339-9290		280/2BA	2-4/30	\$260,000	
1000 65th St. RED DAI 510-280-2111, Arlene		280/1Ba	2-4	\$259,000	
7500 Brookdale HomeSmart Plus Julene Gregory 510-339-9290		290/1BA	2-4/30	\$249,000	
4139 Gregory Dr. Wendy Gardner 510-339-6486 Pacific Union		1 - BA/1BA	2-4/30	\$239,000	

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Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

402 Verrano Unit 1

3900/58A

2-4:30

\$225,000

Ed Marshall, Prudential City Realty

510-428-0900

31 Emory Bay Dr.

280/11A

2-4:30

\$210,000

Open Sun, Emory Bay Village

Ned Toggia, Wells & Baroni Realtors

916-611-4054

330 Park View Ter.

180/4A

2-4:30

\$195,000

Open Sun, Adams Point

Clara Smith, Smith & Stewart Realtors

510-531-1080 F T 1 X

111 York St. #218

180/11A

2-4:30

\$195,000

Sherry Long 510-339-9290

Prudential City Realty

3877 Howe St. #105

180-4A

2-4:30

\$189,998

Open Sun, Prudential City Realty

510-428-0900

551 Jean St. #104

180/11A

3-4

\$185,000

Open Sun

Brenda Walker, 510-424-2525, Prudential City Realty

5025 Woodminster

180/11A

2-4:30

\$180,000

Moravia

Sherry Long 510-339-9290

Prudential City Realty

340 Vernon St. #200

280A

2-4:30

\$155,000

Argyle - Loma, Prudential City 510-545-0211

455 Crescent St.

180/11A

2-4:30

\$148,000

Steven Russell, 510-339-8900 ext. 238, Century 21 Heritage

OAKLEY

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

175 Mountain Avenue

380/2BA

2-4:30

\$255,000

Open Sun

Myra Fisher, Wells & Baroni Realtors

510-259-3719

ORINDA

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

16 Valley View Drive

3 3/4/2-1A

1-4

\$648,000

Open Sun

Better Homes Realty, Vicki McKersie

825-294-8400

PIEDMONT

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

811 Highland

480/2 - BA

2-4:30

\$2,150,000

Open Sun

Eden Lancaster 510-339-4700

Coldwell Banker

105 Avenue

480/2.5BA

2-4:30

\$1,595,000

Open Sunday

Katherine Cooper, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

42 Estrella

480/3.5

2-4:30

\$1,195,000

Open Sun

Anderson McCulloch, Prudential City Realty

510-534-2910

431 Pacific Avenue

480/2BA

2-4:30

\$985,000

Open Sunday

Elizabeth Wilcoxon, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

130 Centic Ave

380/1 - BA

2-4:30

\$816,000

Open Sunday

Werner Hirsch 510-235-5451/512 Pacific Avenue

273 Scenic Ave.

480/2BA

2-4:30

\$699,000

Ed Marshall, Prudential City Realty

510-428-0900

222 Wildwood Ave.

380/2BA

2-4:30

\$688,888

Martha Holdaway 510-339-6460

Pacific Union

350 Magnolia Avenue

380/2BA

2-4:30

\$688,888

Open Sunday

Erika Colston, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

240 Wildwood Avenue 2 - B01 - 1A

BA 2-4:30

\$618,000

Open Sunday

Janet Wilson, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400

914 Rose Ave

380/1.5BA

2-4:30

\$475,000

Open Sat

Dee Fitzgerald 510-339-6460

Pacific Union

PINOLE

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

211 Buena Vista Dr.

380/2BA

2-4:30

\$438,000

Ed Marshall 510-339-9290

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RICHMOND

Address & Realty

Size

Hours

Price

1514 Sequoia Ave.

380/2BA

1-4

\$379,988

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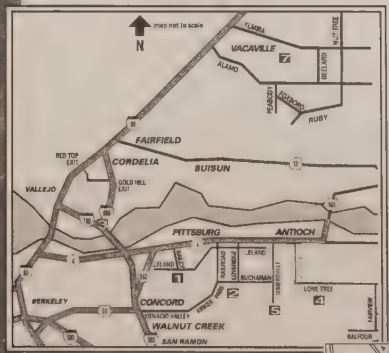
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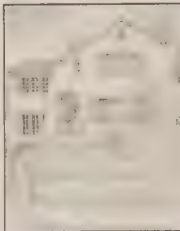
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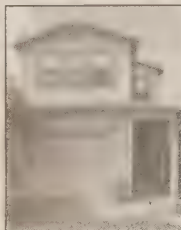
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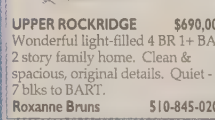
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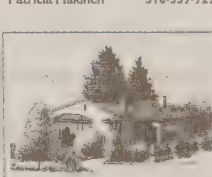
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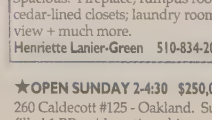


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Pumpsie strides into new HOF

El Cerrito grad Green among first inductees into AAESHOF

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Pumpsie Green recalls the first time he stepped to the plate at Boston's Fenway Park. The year was 1959. And the baseball season was in full swing in late July.

Fidel Castro had taken control of the Cuban government six months earlier. Alaska had become our nation's 49th state, too. Hawaii would join the Union a

month later. Meanwhile, Green was making history as the first black player to wear a Red Sox uniform, some 12 years after Jackie Robinson made his major league debut (and three years after Robinson's retirement).

Somehow, the world moved ahead as baseball plodded along at its usual snail's pace. Still, it was a special night for Green.

"They got an extra 5,000 people in the park just to see me," Green recalled. "It was the greatest feeling in the world."

Green rewarded those fans by drilling the first pitch he saw high off the wall in left-center field for a triple.

Green, whose given name is Elijah, was among the inaugural group of sports figures inducted

into the African-American/Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame last Saturday night at the Claremont Resort and Spa.

"The last night I was this frightened was my first night at Fenway," Green quipped to the gathering.

Inducted with Green were track stars Jim Hines and Madeline Manning, former A's pitching star Dave Stewart, ex-Raiders former 49ers Joe Perry and R.C. Owens, race driver Willy T. Ribbs, former Warrior Jamaal Wilkes, the late basketball star Don Barksdale and the late Toni Stone, a woman who played baseball in the Negro Leagues. Sports writer and broadcaster Brad Pye Jr., was honored for his

work in the media

Oakland resident Arif Khatib is the founder and president of the AAESHOF. And it is people like Green and his fellow inductees who provided the inspiration.

Green, now 67, played four seasons with the Red Sox and one with the New York Mets. But induction into the AAESHOF involves more than just a person's playing record. Education and community service are the hall's paramount concerns. And Green's off-field achievements have been numerous.

A graduate of El Cerrito High School, Green once coached baseball at Berkeley High. Cur-

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FORMER BASEBALL STANDOUT ELIJAH "PUMPSIE" GREEN (left) received his award from presenter Dwain Shaw.

Albany All-Stars rallying on

Kennedy goes distance as Albany rallies in losers' bracket

By Darcy Couch
STAFF WRITER

While the big guys took the field in Seattle, some lesser-known All-Stars hit the diamond in Walnut Creek to determine a survivor in the California District 1 Little League Baseball International All-Star Tournament.

The 11- and 12-year-old All-Stars from North Oakland faced off against their Albany counterparts in round two of the losers' bracket. A loss meant the



ALBANY'S CHRIS ALANIZ was caught in a rundown during his team's Major Division All-Star game at University Village in Albany on July 7. This day, Clayton Valley defeated Albany 11-0, but Albany

a 2-0 lead when a pitch went through to the backstop.

NOLL's defense, helmed by pitcher Alex Crosby, denied Albany's attempt to answer in the bottom of the inning and sent the hungry North Oakland batters back on deck.

In the second, Zander Capell and Carrasco worked their ways into scoring position for Julian Coffin-Lennear, who grounded to right-center, plating Capell and giving Carrasco enough time to tally NOLL's fourth run. A booming double from McNeill Martinez brought in Coffin-Lennear, and then — with one out — Alex Crosby lifted a high fly ball to left that made it 6-0.

But the comfort zone was short-lived for North Oakland. Albany took a piece out of North Oakland's lead thanks to a double and some clutch baserunning from Graeme Agate. With the bases loaded, Brandyn Adney knocked the ball to the second baseman. His throw to home was

just a step behind Agate, who scored to make it 6-2. But shortstop Carrasco had had enough and turned a nice double play to end the threat. Carrasco fielded the ball cleanly, stepped on second for the forceout and fired to first to ice the runner.

Albany owned the third and the fourth innings as well — with pitcher Bryce Kennedy tossing a complete game — and North Oakland saw Albany scoop up to tie the game with four runs in the bottom of the third. Kyle Azi followed up Cannon's ground-rule double with a two-RBI double, and then Albany tacked on two more before the inning's end.

"We just got incredibly fortunate that pretty much every move we made today worked out," Albany manager Jeff Shipley said. "We kept pinch-hitting people and they'd hit and we'd put fielders back out and they'd catch."

And overachieve they did in their next stand. Another explo-

sion launched them into the lead, thanks to an RBI from Brendon Pickering and Agate. Pickering struck first to plate Kennedy, who had reached on a strong single. Then Agate railed a triple to bring in Cannon and Pickering and then scored himself on a passed ball for a 10-6 lead.

The loss left North Oakland stunned.

"Quite frankly we're in shock," Bauch said. "We decided to pull our starting pitcher after the first inning in order to save him for the next game — because you can't pitch back-to-back games unless you've pitched only one inning, so that's why we pulled him. We figured 6-0, we're going to sail here, and it definitely turned out to be the wrong decision because our middle pitchers got hit pretty good, we didn't expect that. It's going to be a hard one to swallow."

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Albany 9-10s suffer of 1-2

Youngsters can't quite catch Concord, South Oakland

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

South Oakland manager Dave Moyer calls it the "9-10 meltdown," a process whereby the numbers of runs, hits and errors can rise faster than housing costs in Santa Clara County. Every team has one — you just hope it:

1) happens to the other guy, and 2) when yours happens, there is less damage.

Unfortunately, it happened to the Albany All-Stars in a winner's bracket game against Concord

American No. 2 at the District 4 International Tournament the evening of July 6 at Albany Village. Concord scored nine runs in the first inning, and Albany spent the rest of the game trying to catch up. Too much effort was expended and Albany lost 12-8.

Albany was knocked out of the tournament on Tuesday evening, losing to North Oakland 8-7 in Pinole.

Manager Rob Mullaney had hoped on Tuesday that pitcher Nick Kneafsey would duplicate

Matthew Peterson's effort in the first round (an 8-5 victory over Martinez South), but some bloop hits and bad defense let him. Kneafsey would only last two-thirds of an inning; Tyler McFadden relieved him but Concord ended up with nine runs on eight hits in the inning.

"He deserved better," Mullaney said. "He (Kneafsey) needs good defense behind him because he puts the ball in play. We didn't have it."

"We've been hitting in both our games (the first was a 19-4 victory over Martinez North). That's our trademark," Concord manager Mike Galindo said. "We just put the ball in play — nothing spectacular — no big home-run shots. Just a lot of solid base hits."

There is a 10-run mercy rule at this level that kicks in after four innings and after one inning, down 9-0, Albany looked primed for it. But the visitors (Concord was the home team in this one) scored two runs in the second to show some life.

Will Mullaney doubled to center and went to third when Connor Freeberg was safe on an error and scored when Concord first baseman Matt Robey threw wildly to third on the play. Freeberg scored on a wild pitch.

Concord came back to score two more runs in the bottom of the second for 11-2, and talk of the mercy rule was still alive, but Albany got a run in the top of the third when Peterson tripled to center and scored when center

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Albany 'Stars sweep into state

Albany's Babe Ruth All-Stars ran off three consecutive wins in the 14- to 15-year-old District 5 tourney. The wins send Albany/Berkeley onto the state tournament.

Albany 5, Mt. View 3

The clubs were scoreless tie until the bottom of the fourth. Then Jeremy Lebeau walked, Yaw Yiadom single and Bryan Gross brought in both base runners with a single. Albany padded the lead in the fifth when Joe Starkey knocked a homer, then added two more runs in the sixth when Joe Storno singled in two runs.

Mountain View didn't score until the top of the seventh, but it was to little and to late. The game ended with a fly ball to Yiadom in center.

Albany 7, Belmont 1

Ahead 2-1 going to the seventh, Jeff Marshall, Starkey, Ryan Bennett, Scott Nelson, Derek Yow and Yiadom scored in the seventh bringing the score to 7-

1. Belmont went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the seventh to finish the game.

Albany 5, Castro Valley 4
 Albany started the game with a double from Yow, a walk to Yiadom and a two-RBI single off the bat of Gross.

In the third, Jeremy Lebeau scored on a single from Starkey and Starkey scored on a single by Scott Nelson. In the fourth, Yiadom scored when Jeremy reached on an error by the shortstop. The score was then 5-0, but the Castro Valley Mariners pushed two runs across in the

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Albany knocked from All-Stars

SOLL builds big lead, holds on for win

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

PIEDMONT — The Albany Little League Junior Division All-Stars found themselves deep in trouble before ever coming to bat in their District 4 losers' bracket game Monday evening at Piedmont High School. And they never were able to dig themselves out as South Oakland

knocked Albany out with a 10-4 win. Albany, which lost 12-2 to Clayton Valley in its tournament opener, was eliminated. "It was just attributable to our bad inning," said Albany

manager Dave Preuss. "(South Oakland) played very good defense — they made me very good catches. We hit the ball, but right at them. That's baseball."

Albany was in a fix from the start as South Oakland scored four runs in the top of the first inning. But Albany did its best to come back in the bottom of the inning. Gabe Pressmill drew a one-out walk and stole second. One out later, Kyle Page singled Pressmill home with Albany's first run. After Drew Lender-Picone was hit by a pitch, a throwing error allowed Page to score, cutting Al-

bany's deficit to 4-2.

For the next three innings, though, Albany's offense came to a standstill against Robbie Howard, South Oakland's second pitcher. Nine of the next Albany 10 batters failed to reach base against Howard, who reeled the side in order in both the second and third innings. Only a one-out single by Lender-Picone broke that string in the fourth. Lender-Picone went to second on a wild pitch, but was stranded when Howard retired the next two batters to get out of the inning.

Albany managed to stay close as SOLL failed to score against Albany pitcher Tom Supple in the second and third innings. South Oakland did pick up a run in the fourth against reliever Levi Sheats to go up by three runs.

Still, Albany was in striking distance. Well — it was until South Oakland took advantage of two doubles, three singles and a pair of errors to score five times in the top of the fifth for a 10-2 lead.

Albany did manage to close the scoring with a run in each the fifth and seventh innings. In the fifth, Sheats got a one-out single, advanced to second and third on a pair of wild pitches, then scored on Greg Johnson's sacrifice fly.

Albany failed to score after having two runners on base with none out in the sixth, but was a little more productive in the seventh. Carlton Stendeman led off that final inning with a single, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch, and scored on Sheats' single.

Little League	
All-Star baseball, Jr. Div.	
S. Oakland 12	Albany 2

Babe Ruth baseball	
All-Stars, 14-15s	
Albany 5	Mt. View 3
Albany 7	Belmont 1
Albany 5	Castro V. 4

On second thought ... Nelson nixes St. Mary's

Vallejo court star decides to stay put

By Phil Jensen
TIMES STAFF WRITER

VALLEJO — After preparing to transfer to St. Mary's High School, DeMarcus Nelson has decided to stay at Vallejo.

Nelson was named the state's freshman boys basketball player of the year last season by Cal-Hi Sports while at Vallejo. The 6-foot-2 guard averaged 16.6 points, 5.3 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.3 steals per game.

"(Deciding not to transfer) was mainly based upon my comfort situation. I didn't feel comfortable with it. Something inside told me it wasn't right. It was nothing against the coach or the players," Nelson said on Tuesday.

day.

St. Mary's boys' basketball coach Jose Caraballo told the *Contra Costa Times* on July 5 that Ron Nelson, DeMarcus' father, contacted him on July 2 about the decision not to attend St. Mary's. But it was not known if Nelson would return to Vallejo or transfer to a different school.

"I still don't understand the decision, (but) it's what the father and the son want," Caraballo said Tuesday.

Ron Nelson said his 15-year-old son never would go to St. Mary's.

"He said he never wanted to go there, he just wanted to please us (his parents and godparents)," Ron Nelson said. "In his heart, he didn't want to (go)."

Nelson played in two summer

league tournament games for St. Mary's on June 29, but did not play in the rest of the tournament because of a back injury, according to the Nelsons. Ron Nelson said that DeMarcus hurt his back in a summer league game on June 27 and played on June 29 with a stiff back. The decision to stay at Vallejo was made during that week, according to DeMarcus Nelson.

Nelson was accepted into St. Mary's in April and was quoted in a June 16 *Times* article as saying St. Mary's was a new beginning for him.

"He's going to stay at Vallejo, and that's where he's going to finish his high school career," Ron Nelson said. "There will be no talk of a transfer."

Pumpsie

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rently, he is a recreational leader of the Berkeley Park and Recreation Department. And even though he last set foot on a major league field in 1963, he still receives numerous requests for autographs and public appearances.

Of course, Green is most widely known for being the first black player for the Red Sox, the last major league team to integrate its roster.

"It didn't bother me a bit," said Green, discussing Boston's previously whites-only reputation while signing an autograph for a young admirer. "I didn't think about it a bit. My favorite saying is, 'I don't have the time or patience to worry about the prejudices. I have enough trouble just hitting a fastball or curveball.'"

Black players who entered the major leagues before Green often experienced resentment from their white teammates. But the Red Sox were a different bunch.

For starters, a number of the Red Sox had clearly established themselves as bona fide major leaguers.

At the head of this list was six-time A.L. batting champion Ted Williams, who was in the twilight of a Hall of Fame career. Outfielder Jackie Jensen, the former Cal football star, was coming off an MVP year in 1958. Second baseman Pete Runnels would go on to win batting titles in 1960 and '62.

"The team was fine," said Green. "Pete Runnels (who died in 1991) at second base was one of my better friends. I was the shortstop and he was the second baseman. Shortstops and second basemen always get along."

Green also was not totally unfamiliar with his teammates in 1959, having trained with them in spring before getting assigned to Minneapolis, the team's AAA affiliate.

While Green excelled in Minneapolis, the parent club in Boston struggled. On July 21, Green made his major league debut as a pinch runner for the Red Sox. He stayed in the game to play an inning at shortstop.

But the first at-bat at Fenway Park stands out in Green's mem-

ory.

"Few blacks came to see the Red Sox in those days — they would mostly come to Fenway to see the visiting teams (who had blacks on their rosters)," said Green. "They roped off center field that night (to accommodate the overflow crowd). There were all black people out there."

Like any rookie trying to make his mark in the majors, Green's earliest experiences with the Red Sox were stressful. Green, however, fed off the crowd that night.

"Everybody was looking to see what I was going to do," he said. "I didn't want to be run out of town."

The Red Sox are one of the most storied franchises in the major leagues. But by 1959, they were a team in transition.

Williams, one month shy of his 41st birthday, had won batting titles in 1957 and '58, but was clearly in decline (Williams batted .254 in 1959, the only sub-.300 year of his career). Some said a country club atmosphere pervaded the clubhouse. For whatever reason, 1959 was the first of eight straight losing seasons for the Red Sox. And the fortunes of Green seemed to follow those of the team. After batting .231 in 56 games in 1962, the Red Sox traded him to the Mets, a woeful expansion team that had lost 120 games that season.

Green, a switch hitter, batted .278 in 17 games with the Mets in 1963, his final major league season.

Though Boston has long had a reputation as a city hostile to black athletes, Green has many good memories of his four seasons with the Red Sox.

"Boston is a great sports town," he said, "especially the baseball, the Celtics and the Bruins. The fans support all their teams. When I went there, it was like a novelty."

Today, minority players are novelties no more. And future Red Sox luminaries from George Scott and Reggie Smith to Jim Rice to current star Manny Ramirez, a Dominican-born player raised in New York, can thank Green for helping pave the way for them.

Postscript
A STRUGGLING TEAM: The

lied in the sixth by Gabe Mellow, who finished by striking out a batter for a rally-ending third out.

In the top of the seventh Mellow got through the seventh with just one batter reaching base.

Babe Ruth

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fifth and sixth to close the gap. Albany starter Morgan Lunt was re-

Rugged dinghy headed for Bay

Cal Sailing Club commissions innovative design

BERKELEY — The Cal Sailing Club (CSC), a non-profit cooperative, announced today that it has commissioned renowned naval architect Jim Antrim to design a small training sailboat that will hold up to the notoriously rough conditions of the San Francisco Bay.

Thousands of people have learned to sail at CSC during its 60-year history, but now the club hopes to bring even more people into sailing by developing a boat that will go a long way toward removing one of the biggest hurdles for community sailing programs — the cost of maintaining and repairing fragile fiberglass dinghies.

The innovative new 15-foot, self-bailing centerboard dinghy will accommodate up to four adults. Yet it will weigh just 425

pounds and, if capsized, can be righted by a single person weighing just 100 pounds.

It will be unusually strong for a boat its size, and will incorporate unique features like a rubber nose, a six-inch wide hull-deck joint protected behind a flange and integral fenders, and watertight buoyancy compartments that are not compromised by hardware attachment points. Stock parts will be used wherever possible to make obtaining replacements easy.

"Maintenance is a big issue for community operations like ours," says Bob Hood, commodore of the all-volunteer CSC. "We've found that production boats just can't stand up to daily use in our windy conditions, so we've decided to build our own boats."

CSC has established a separate fund to finance the construction of these boats, and invites tax-deductible contributions from the public. Donors should contact Chris Havel at (510) 530-3538.

Majors

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Clayton Valley 11, Albany 0

To advance right off the bat in the first round of the District 4 Little League Tournament at Albany Village on Saturday, it would have helped if host Albany had played a smaller team.

Standing on the field before the game to recite the Little League Pledge, it was apparent that the visiting Clayton Valley team was bigger, stronger and older than its Albany counterparts.

The view came to fruition as Clayton Valley defeated Albany 11-0 in four innings and dominated every aspect of the game.

Offensively, Clayton Valley scored 11 runs on 15 hits (four for extra bases), didn't commit an error and, during the three-hitter pitched by Clayton's Vinnie Levine, had no wild pitches or passed balls.

Clayton Valley had just one player who was under the legal limit of 12. Albany, on the other hand, had nine 11-year-olds.

"We saw them in the TOC (Tournament of Champions) when they beat our team 19-1," Albany manager Jeff Shipley said. "We knew they had a bunch of big boys who could hit. I don't mind losing; we just could have played better."

"They looked across a field at a team that big and they are already digging themselves out of a hole. The group of 11-year-olds have been playing together for three years and they are tight-knit group. They're fine right now."

Clayton scored four runs in the first inning, highlighted by Billy Burmeister's three-run smash to center that traveled approximately 225 feet and landed in the middle of center field — in the adjacent field.

In the bottom of the first, Brandyn Adney drew a leadoff walk, but nothing came of it as

Levine struck out to end the inning. Clayton's 7-0 in the third by runs, two on Mark W. out single.

In the bottom half of the first, Albany got its only run mounted its only hit, a single to left and Adney went single to right. Clayton's shortstop Bryce Leininger threw the shutout when he threw out Alaniz at third. Bryce Kennedy's grounder threw out Alaniz at third. Cannon grounded a single to center to load the bases. Levine struck out Kyle Adams the inning.

Clayton Valley ended the game in the fourth by scoring four more runs, two on Wilson's triple to left. Levine's retired the Albany side in the fourth on a grounder and a popup and strikeout.

Scott Strain contributed article.

9-10s

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fielder Nick Tkachenko bobbled the ball.

Concord made it 12-3 with a run in the third but insisted that Albany stay in the game, allowing it to score a run in the top of the fourth. Kai Huntamer was safe on an error and came around on three wild pitches.

McFaddin, now thoroughly in synch on the mound, shut down Concord in the last two innings and Albany made its big play in the fifth as Concord staged its

own "meltdown"

Jamel Freeman blasted a lead-off triple to left and scored when Peterson hit a ground-rule double to center, the ball rolling under the fence. He scored when Sebastian Barachona went to third on a three-base throwing error. One out later, Geoff Muhley walked and wen to second on a wild pitch. McFaddin was awarded first on catcher's interference and the bases were loaded.

Huntamer was safe on an error that scored Barachona. Muhley was thrown out at third on the play, but McFaddin scored

the fourth run of the inning on a wild pitch. Concord starter Tim Osborne summoned his last ounce of strength and struck out Jay Healy to end the inning.

Its effort expended, Albany went down 1-2-3 in the sixth. "It was a sleepwalk on our part," Mullaney said. "I thought he (Kneafsey) did well but there was no defense behind him. All I ask of kids at this level is to throw strikes. There have to be plays behind him (Kneafsey) and we weren't making them." "But we came back. They're a lot of spirit. They're a bunch of kids."

SPORT BRIEF

The El Cerrito Gators year-round youth swim team is open to swimmers 5-18 who can swim one length of the pool.

The Gators' program emphasizes fitness, teamwork and offers

opportunities for healthy competition. The club accommodates all levels of swimmers and focuses on perfecting technique, improving endurance and increasing speed. Swimmers and parents are en-

couraged to meet the coaches to try out one day at no charge. Monthly cost is \$41 per swimmer. Monthly family rates are \$150 for two swimmers and \$300 for three. For information, call 215-4275.

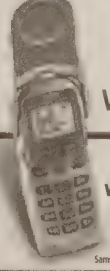
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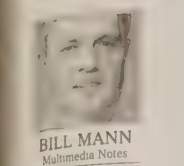
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Arts

Triumphing over the dark side



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Lucky items for Friday the 13th

Hey, even I know better than to lie to the police. I watch "NYPD Blue." And I play racquetball with you.

Take the Fifth. Get "swayed up." But whatever you do, don't lie to these guys. "Detectives are the best B.S. detectors there are," one policeman I know told me this week.

Apparently Congressman Gary Condit didn't know he shouldn't lie to cops, which he did for three valuable weeks. Yeah, right. OK, maybe he was just hiding his affairs from his wife, who is reportedly quite ill. Yeah, right — like SHE didn't already know her husband was on the continent was a phillanderer. OK, maybe he didn't want his constituents to know. Well, they know now.

Gail Gross, filling in on KGO Radio's morning talk show this week put it succinctly: "There's a big difference between Condit's lies and Bill Clinton's about their affairs. In Bill Clinton's case, a young woman's life wasn't at stake."

The media are all over this story, and should be. There's a lot more involved here than exposing the hypocrisy or the secret sex life of an elected official; both are things many viewers already take for granted. A person's life, to be precise, is at stake. Not that "Congressman Blow-Dry," as Condit's reportedly known on the Hill, cared about that when Chandra Levy disappeared without a trace. Still, those CNN tapes that surfaced last week of Condit demanding Bill Clinton come clean with details of his Monica Lewinsky fling were delicious to watch.

Newsweek's Michael Isikoff told KCBS Radio this week that Condit's mostly behavior amounts to "grievous, self-inflicted wounds." Aside from the morality of it, a virtue that's in short supply with him, Condit has made every P.R. mistake imaginable, a top Hollywood publicist told all-news KCBS. "You'd think he would have learned how Clinton's evasiveness backfired."

KGO's thoughtful Gross added: "In a situation like this, you have to come clean, at least to the police, when someone's life is at stake." Because of his reprehensible behavior, Gross added, "Condit has to go." But, like Clinton, he probably doesn't have the class to resign.

On a less serious note, I'll admit to being fascinated by some of the elaborate steps the slippery Condit took to hide his finally admitted affair with Levy, according to Levy's aunt in the WashPost. This guy is a natural if they ever need an expert to write "Adultery for Dummies."

Having Levy get off the elevator at a different floor in his condo if anybody else got on? Even a monogamous, long-married guy like me has to marvel at the creativity of THAT one. And having a private phone line with an answering machine that plays only music for use by Condit's ill-motivated to leave messages? Even an experienced womanizer like Clinton must have shaken his head and laughed while wondering, "Why didn't I think of that?" (Please don't write. I voted for Clinton twice despite his sleazy personal behavior and probably would again.)

Condit has been exposed as a self-centered hypocrite who puts his image and his office above another human being's life. Perhaps the saddest thing about this affair is that there are many more just like him in Congress. As far as the media goes, don't blame the messenger for this one. And besides, if it hadn't been for all the press coverage encouraged by Levy's family, this case might have been dropped weeks ago by police and Condit would be lying again.

MEDIA NOTES: While watching the exciting Wimbledon finals last weekend, some-

Blondes may not have more fun in new comedy, but they're smarter, funnier and steal an otherwise obvious show

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

It's quite possible that Reese Witherspoon is the best young comedienne working in movies today, a throwback to the great smart, sassy heroines of yesteryear, to the golden glow of Carole Lombard and the sure comic footing of Lucille Ball.

She's innocent and lovable, but we never have to worry about her, because Witherspoon, and the characters that fit within her oeuvre — from Tracy Flick in "Election" to Vanessa Lutz in "Freeway" — always succeed, sunny-side up.

Julia Roberts, with her doe eyes, presses our root-for-her buttons, while Witherspoon, with her sharp chin and obvious intelligence, presses something entirely different. She's such a determined, can-do kind of actress, the make lemonade-from-lemmons girl, that all we do is sit back and admire her at work. She's the one telling us to lift our feet while

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Legally Blonde"
■ **STARRING:** Reese Witherspoon, Selma Blair, Luke Wilson, Matthew Davis, Jennifer Coolidge
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (language and sexual references)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 36 minutes
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
■ **GRADE:** B-

she briskly vacuums under us. So, as usual, she's a joy to watch in the frothy summer comedy "Legally Blonde," although the movie itself leaves something to be desired, running out of steam in its last half as it attempts to wed "Clueless" to not just "The Paper Chase" but "The Practice" as well.

It starts strong, as we meet Elle Woods (Witherspoon), president of fictional California University's Delta Nu sorority and advocate of all things pink and sweet. The energy of "Clueless" hangs heavy in the air; Elle goes on shopping trips with her friends, lives to get her hair and nails done and keeps up on her soap operas. She's expecting a



REESE WITHERSPOON stars as Elle Woods, a student who happens to be blonde and who's out to pay back her snobby ex-

six-carat engagement ring from her longtime boyfriend Warner (Matthew Davis, last seen in "Tigerland"), who is bound for Harvard Law School in the fall.

We know it's not going to happen from the way Warner oils his way through the doors of Delta

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Kids clamoring over Bizet's 'Carmen'

IF YOU'RE LOOKING for something the family can do together today, check this out: The Berkeley Opera, which is getting ready to open today with Bizet's "Carmen," is putting on a special family-oriented presentation at 2 p.m.

This is a children's production — not the full-blown performance — at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, aimed at introducing children to opera.

The audience can participate in activities showing how an opera is put together, what a stage director does, and how a singer builds a character and rehearses a role. Today's presentation replaces the previously announced family matinees on July 15 and 22.

Tickets are \$5 for children under 14 and \$10 for adults. Call 510-841-1903.

The full production of this new English translation of "Carmen" by David Scott Marley will play at the Julia Morgan at 8 p.m. Friday and July 20 and 21; 2 p.m. Saturday, and



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

7 p.m. July 15 and 22. Tickets are \$30 general; \$25 for seniors, and \$15 for youths 17 and under and the disabled. Full-time students with ID may buy unsold tickets 20 minutes before curtain for \$10.

Carmen is sung by Marie Bafus. Other principals include Romina Di Gasbarro (Michaela), Michael McCall (Don José) and Ralph Wells (Escamillo).

The production is directed by Russell Blackwood. Jonathan Khuner conducts, with Thomas Shoebottom as assistant conductor and director of the opera chorus. Diane Reiner directs the Kairos Children's Chorus.

CALLING ADVENTURERS: For East Bay venturesome

types — Heck! All lovers of community theater are, by definition, adventurers — it's worth venturing to Alameda to experience a different venue at the Altarena Playhouse, 1409 High St. The "arena" part of the name tells you this is theater-in-the-round, but with a switch. Call it squaring the circle. The audience sits on the tiered four sides of a square playing area.

Front-row audiences are knees away from the stage action. And there's more than adventure that might nudge you to visit the island city. Altarena and the Masquers of Point Richmond have long enjoyed a close and productive relationship.

Playing Fridays and Saturdays through July 28 is "The Importance of Being Earnest," Oscar Wilde's witty comedy of manners. You can catch the first of three Sunday matinees today. Other Sunday shows will be performed July 15 and 22.

Linda Ellinwood, whose work is well known to regulars at Masquers Playhouse and other community theaters, is directing. Jo Lusk, costume room

manager at the Point Richmond playhouse, is costuming the show.

Two members of the Masquers were involved in the musical "Quilters," which preceded "Earnest" — Joan Nelson (director) and Robert Love (makeup and wigs).

The 2002 season lineup of plays has already been announced. A couple of directors are familiar to audiences closer to home. Robert Hamm will direct "A Flea in Her Ear" by Georges Feydeau in April. Hamm, who is familiar to Masquers audiences, is now in a theater management position at the Altarena Playhouse.

In September, Betty Baker Bindner, another Masquers regular, will direct Agatha Christie's enduring mystery, "The Mousetrap."

Yes, that "Mousetrap," because nobody has built a better one for playgoers. In 2002, "The Mousetrap" will celebrate its 50th year of continuous production in London.

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ARTS BEAT

Woman's Will staging 'Comedy of Errors'

Woman's Will, the Bay Area's all-female Shakespeare company, returns to its roots in goofiness with "Comedy of Errors," a comic confection of mistaken identities, marital mishaps, and family feuds that asks the timeless questions: should women be more submissive, does "Get out of jail free" card translate abroad, and why does Antipholus keep claiming he has no wife? Always fun, always easy to understand, and always free, Woman's Will's shows are great for people of all ages, so pack your picnic, grab your family and friends, and enjoy an afternoon of inspired silliness in a park near you.

Area performances, all at 1 p.m., include July 14-15 John Hinkel Park, Berkeley; July 21/22 Live Oak Park, Berkeley; July 28 Mosswood Park, Oakland; July 29 Dimond Park (Fruitvale), Oakland.

See www.womanswill.org or call 415-567-1758 for more information or directions.

'West Side Story' to run until Aug. 11

EL CERRITO — Contra Costa Civic Theatre continues its performance of "West Side Story," based on a book by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Performances, directed by Kathleen Ray, are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 11 and 2 p.m. matinees July 15, 22 and 29 and Aug. 9.

The musical, an adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," is set in New York City, where rival street gangs battle

for territory and respect. A romance develops between two teens from those rival gangs.

The cast will hold a short informal discussion after the July 22 performance.

Tickets are \$15 general and \$6 for youths 16 and under.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is at 951 Pomona Ave.

For reservations, call 510-524-9132. For group sales, call 510-524-6654.

Sing-in series plays Tuesday evenings

OAKLAND — The Oakland Symphony Chorus will host its Summer Sing-in series at 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 21 beginning this week.

The sing-ins will be at First Covenant Church, 4000 Redwood Road.

Tuesday's program will be

Mozart's Requiem and Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms." Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" and Fauré's Requiem will be sung July 17. Bach's Mass in B minor will be the program July 24 and Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem" on July 31. Each session will have a different conductor.

The cost is \$8 per session or \$40 for all seven. No reservations

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Mind-reading act

"GENERAL ZANDEK," Bradford Guthrie, left, tries to receive vibes from "Essie," Trish Tillman and "Rudi Sebastian," Dan Wilson in the Actors Ensemble of Berkeley production of Lindsey and Crouse's comedy "The Great Sebastians," in which the American mind-reading act hoodwinks the communist general. The play open Friday, July 13 at 8 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, and will be on stage Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 11, plus Thursday evening, Aug. 9. For reservations, call 510-528-5620. Admission is \$10.

EVENTS

Oakland Public Library — ALL BRANCHES — "Read! Make It Your Thing!" through Aug. 6. Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the library's annual teen summer reading program. (510) 238-3848 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM — "Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts.

Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222
BROOKFIELD LIBRARY/BIBLIOTHECA BROOKFIELD — "Walter the Giant — Stones," July 17, 10:30 a.m.
9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725
WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049
Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

Contra Costa County Library — ALL BRANCHES — "Treasure Your Library Summer Reading Program," through Aug. 25. Children may participate in this reward-based program to encourage summer reading.

BAY POINT BRANCH — "Larry K. Juggler and Unicornist," July 17, 2 p.m. Children of all ages are invited.
205 Pacifica Ave. (925) 458-9597.
KENSINGTON BRANCH — "Family Story Time," Tuesdays, 7 p.m. through July 31. For all ages.

Contra Costa County. (800) 984-INFO or www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/

Cody's Bookstores — Joe di Prisco, July 13, 7 p.m. The author tells the "Confessions of Brother Eli," about a mythic mountain man. At 1730 Fourth St. John Strausbaugh and Annalee Newitz, July 14. The authors discuss their latest books, Strausbaugh's "Rock 'Til You Drop" and Newitz's "Bad Subjects Anthology" and "White Trash: Race and Class in America."

Jimmy Santiago Baca, July 15. The author talks about "A Place to Stand," his autobiography about his journey from illiteracy to acclaim as a poet.

"Critical Resistance to the Prison-Industrial Complex: A Panel Discussion," July 16.

Dr. Ralph Berberich, July 17. The author discusses "Hit Below the Belt: Facing Up to Prostate Cancer."

Lonny Shavelson, July 19. The author describes "Hooked: Five Addicts Challenge Our Misguided Drug Rehab System."

Lynne Hinton, July 20, 7 p.m. The author reads from "The Things I Know Best." At 1730 Fourth St. BOOK CLUBS —

"Spanish Book Club," July 13, 7:30 p.m. At 2454 Telegraph Ave.

"Parenting Book Club," July 15, 11 a.m. At 1730 Fourth St.

"Kids' Summer Reading Club," July 21, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. At 1730 Fourth St.

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

Marcus Book Store — Walter Mosley, July 14. The author discusses his new '50s L.A. thriller "Fearless Jones." Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 652-2344.

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"First Tuesday Tour." Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS — through October.

"City Center," July 14. Turn-of-the-century landmarks alongside modern highrises are seen in this tour. Explore the upbeat style of the modern City Center Square. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Oakland City Hall front entrance, One Frank Ogawa Plaza at 14th Street.

"Downtown Historic District," July 18. This tour highlights the newly designated Downtown Historic District. The tour includes the Tribune Tower, the Beaux Arts style Broadway Building at the pivotal corner of 14th Street and Broadway, and other early 20th century commercial landmarks. Meet at the front entrance of City Hall, One Frank Ogawa Plaza at 14th Street.

"Old Oakland Historic District," July 21. A walk through Oakland's Victorian business district of the 1870s. Visit the Washington Inn, Ratto's International Grocer and Mi Rancho Delicatessen and Tortilla Factory. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of Ratto's at Washington and 9th Streets.

"Uptown Art Deco to the Lake," July 25. Tour the beautiful Art

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.
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Showtimes for Friday, July 13.

Alameda County

Act I & II

2128 Central Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **The Princess and the Warrior (Der Krieger Und Die Kaiserin)** (R) 6:45, 9:30
 • **Sexy Beast** (R) 7:15, 9:45

Albany Twin

1115 Sutter Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
 • **The Closet (La Placeard)** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50

California Theatres
 2113 Kilmage Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 1:45, 5:00, 8:15
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 9:20, 5:20, 8:40
 • **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Century 16 Bayfair Mall *

1350 Shattuck Avenue, Emeryville 421-0123
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
 • **The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:00
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:30, 9:20, 10:35
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 12:05, 1:15, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 7:10, 7:55, 9:15
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 1:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:05, 6:15, 8:25, 10:30
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 5:20, 4:20, 6:55, 9:35
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 11:25 a.m., 12:40, 1:55, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 9:05, 10:25
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
 • **Footloose** (PG) 11:30, 10:05
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:10, 3:25, 4:15, 5:20, 6:30, 7:35, 9:45
 • **The Score** (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:50, 6:05, 8:10, 10:20, 10:30
 • **crazy/beautiful** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40

Century 25 Union City Union Landing *

32700 Union Landing Road, Union City 887-8593
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30
 • **Atlantic: The Lost Empire** (PG) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 12:55, 3:50, 7:15, 10:20
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 1:55, 5:20, 11:40 a.m., 12:20, 1:05, 1:55, 2:35, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 6:55, 8:05, 9:15, 10:15, 11:25
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 10:55 a.m., 1:00, 3:50, 7:20, 10:30, 11:40
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 12:15, 1:40, 2:40, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 8:00, 9:05, 10:40, 11:45
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:30, 1:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:00, 6:10, 6:50, 7:45, 8:30, 9:20, 10:00, 10:50, 11:35, 12:15 a.m.
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:15, 5:35, 8:10, 10:35
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:30, 2:40, 3:50, 4:55, 5:40, 6:25, 7:10, 7:50, 8:35, 9:15, 10:05, 10:45, 11:25, 12:10 a.m.
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Chabot Cinema

2500 Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 882-2556
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien Megadome *

10003 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 336-7300
 • **Antarctica** (NR) 2:30
 • **The Mysterians of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 8:30
 • **Solar Max** (NR) 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30
 • **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30

Elmwood

2965 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 4:15, 9:00
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:00
 • **Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (PG-13) 4:45, 9:25
 • **Himalaya: L'Enfance D'un Cheik** (G) 2:15, 7:05
 • **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) 2:35, 7:15
 • **Pollock** (R) 2:05, 9:20

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley *

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
 • **Juliet of the Spirits** (1965) (NR) 8:00. Preceded by "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3555
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:15
 • **Shrek** (PG) 12:15, 2:00, 4:15, 6:15, 8:15, 10:30

Jack London Cinema *

100 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:25
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:20, 3:35, 5:50, 8:00, 10:10
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:20, 10:00
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:15
 • **The Score** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward *

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 3:30, 7:00, 10:20
 • **Atlantic: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40, 10:15
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:50, 6:30, 10:05
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
 • **crazy/beautiful** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

Oaks Theater *

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 4:15, 6:30, 9:00, 9:30
 • **The Mummy Returns** (PG) 12:45

Piedmont Theatre

4185 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45
 • **Sexy Beast** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Shattuck Cinemas *

2230 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Atlantic: The Lost Empire** (PG) 12:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15
 • **Bully** (NR) 12:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
 • **Jump Tomorrow** (PG) 2:10, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
 • **Lost and Delirious** (NR) 2:40, 2:40, 7:05, 9:55
 • **Memento** (R) 1:40, 1:45, 6:50, 9:15
 • **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** (R) 1:10, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25, 9:45
 • **The Score** (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
 • **Songcatcher** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35
 • **Under the Sand (Sous le Sable)** (NR) 12:55, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
 • **crazy/beautiful** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1487
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 11:30 a.m., 5:10, 10:30
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 2:30, 7:55
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:40, 7:05, 10:05

• **Scary Movie 2** (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

UA Emeryville 10 *

2480 Emeryville Blvd., Emeryville 420-0107
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 3:00, 7:00, 10:40
 • **Baby Boy** (R) noon, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 10:30 a.m., 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:45, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.
 • **The Score** (R) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

UA Hayward 6 *

2480 Broadway Blvd., Hayward 796-3000
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 10:50 a.m., 12:45, 2:45, 4:50, 7:15, 9:20
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 10:30 a.m., 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 10:45 a.m., 12:50, 2:50, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15
 • **The Score** (R) 10:25 a.m., 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek *

1450 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8548
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

Orinda Theater *

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-8060
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:45, 7:30
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 9:35
 • **Shrek** (PG) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 9:45

Park Theater

519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
 • **Sexy Beast** (R) 7:00, 9:30
 • **Rheem All-Stadium 4 ***
 350 Park Street, Moraga 868-4101
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
 • **Bridget Jones's Diary** (R) 9:00
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 1:30, 3:45, 5:50, 7:50, 9:55
 • **The Score** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness Street, San Francisco 922-44MC
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 6:30, 9:45, 1:10, 7:30, 10:45
 • **The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 4:10, 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40, 12 AM
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:40
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00, 12:30 a.m., 11:45, 12:30
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 4:40, 8:10, 10:40
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:20, 11:45
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10:40
 • **Pearl Harbor** (PG-13) noon, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30, 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 9:30, 11:50
 • **Shrek** (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 7:55, 10:10
 • **crazy/beautiful** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 12:10 a.m.

AMC Kabuki 8

1835 Post Street, San Francisco 922-44MC
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 11:15
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 12:15, 3:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 2:30, 11:20
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 1:55, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00 midnight
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:25, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 2:10, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55
 • **The Score** (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45
 • **Shrek** (PG) 1:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:15

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 352-0810
 • **Sexy Beast** (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

Castro Theatre

Castro Street & Market Street, San Francisco 621-6120
 • **Baby Face** (NR) 8:00, 9:10
 • **Red Headed Woman** (1932) (NR) 7:30

Clay

2251 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Closet (La Placeard)** (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
 • **Everybody's Famous** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
 • **Lost and Delirious** (NR) noon, 3:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
 • **Memento** (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
 • **The Princess and the Warrior (Der Krieger Und Die Kaiserin)** (R) 12:20, 3:10, 6:00, 9:00

Lumiere

1572 California Street, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **Bully** (NR) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
 • **Monty Python and the Holy Grail** (R) 12:40, 3:15, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50
 • **The Vertical Ray of the Sun (A la Verticale de Leta)** (PG-13) noon, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
 • **Opera Plaza Cinemas**
 901 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 352-0810
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13) 4:10, 9:30
 • **Jump Tomorrow** (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
 • **Songcatcher** (PG-13) 1:10, 7:10
 • **Starship.com** (R) 12:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40
 • **With a Friend Like Harry** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

Red Vic

1727 Hayes Street, San Francisco 668-3994
 • **Slow** (R) 7:00, 9:30

Roxie

3117 16th Street, San Francisco 863-1087
 • **Weekend** (1967) (NR) 7:00, 9:15

Loews Theatre at Metreon

101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 369-8200
 • **A.I.: Artificial Intelligence** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 3:00, 6:40, 10:10
 • **Atlantic: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:20
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 12:40, 4:10, 7:30, 10:40
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30, 11:50
 • **Dr. Dolittle 2** (PG) 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:25, 6:35, 9:00
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:50, 5:40, 8:30, 11:20
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 11:40, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40, 12:10 a.m.
 • **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:35, 6:25, 9:20, 12:05 a.m.
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:10, 11:40
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 1:10 a.m., 9:50, 11:05
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
 • **The Score** (R) 12:30, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30
 • **Swordfish** (R) 12:20, 3:35, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00
 • **Shrek** (PG) 12:20, 3:20, 6:10, 8:50, 11:30

Calendar

Submissions to the *Community Calendar* must be received **Thursdays** one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Ecology Center presents its Berkeley Farmers' Market Annual Peach Tastings, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Participants sample free the entire range of peach varieties at the market. Varieties include Elegant Lady, Summer Lady, White Lady, Summer Sweet, Red Top, Sun Crest, Red Haven, Nectar, etc. There will also be sampling of neotenes, plums, and apricots. The market is located at Center St. at MLK Jr. Way. For more information, call 548-3333 or visit the Web site at www.ecologycenter.org.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-3682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3 1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-769-6560.

The Ann Martin Children's Center of offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to jhsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$5 - \$10.

Community

Downtown Berkeley Association, (DBA) continues its "Summer 2001 Concerts" with a special Trinidadian steel drum performance noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at the downtown Berkeley BART Plaza (Shattuck at Center St.) Admission is free. Easily accessible by BART, bus, and bike. For more information, call Carrie Ridgeway at 549-2230.

Dog and puppy temporary foster homes urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hopalong Animal Rescue today, 530-5154.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinic on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies"; volunteers needed to

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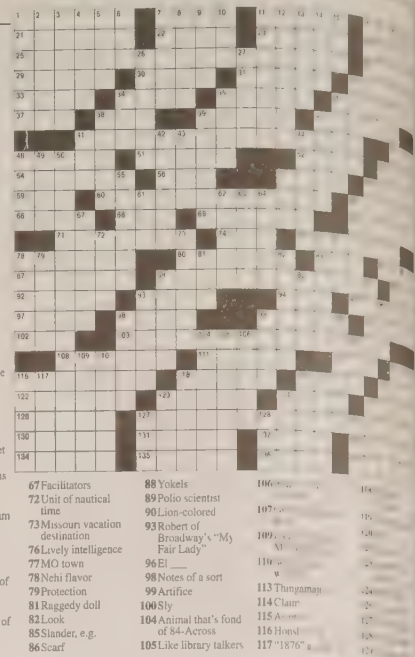
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perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief, 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

Gallery ACCI continues "Dream Language," an exhibition of abstract art, through Aug. 4. The exhibit features the work of Sidney Ferrel, fiber; Vanie Keightley, prints; Naomi Polioff,

prints; William Shinn, sculpture and Peggy Vandell, painting. Call 843-2527 for gallery hours or more information.

The UC Berkeley YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, continues the exhibition of Sebastopol artist, Mary Black through Sept. 28. The exhibit is available for viewing Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Black uses the ancient method of encaustic painting in which layers of wax and pigment are heated and fused. For more information, call 707-823-5261.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., continues its "Berkeley Today," Sunday brunch, lecture and discussion series. The next session is 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday July 22. The Honorable Mayor of Berkeley Shirley Dean addresses such diverse and complicated issues as parking in Berkeley, West Berkeley development and the link between domestic violence and youth violence. Admission including brunch is \$4 BRCJCC members, \$5 public. For more information, call 848-0237.

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents two emerging artists: Christa Assad and Hee-jung Kim July 15 through Aug. 15. Christa Assad's high-fire ceramics are inspired by 1950's product, modern architectural and interior design, but have a uniquely contemporary look. Hee-jung Kim's black and white photography explore subjects from Home Depot, products to the body to urban space in a shadowy, dreamlike style. Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sunday. For more information, call Mia Capodilupo at 843-2527.

The Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 Eighth St., presents an exhibit of paintings, drawings, sculpture and mixed media by East Bay artists through July 29. Gallery hours: Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the gallery at 540-7843.

or contact Suzanne at 531-4545.

The Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and hometown contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., continues its "Watershed 2001," through July 14. The exhibition of painting, drawing, sculpture and installation, explores images and issues about our watershed—the area of land that catches rain and drains into marshes, streams, rivers, lakes and ground water. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to five p.m. For more information, call 644-6893.

The Albany Arts Committee continues its new exhibition of acrylic paintings by John Dawson, "Call Flora & Fauna," through Aug. 23 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 526-0683.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main

corridor to the main entrance. Call 548-3333 for more information.

New Pieces, a collection of new and old art, is on display at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. The collection includes works by local artists and is available for viewing Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 644-6893.

Literary Events

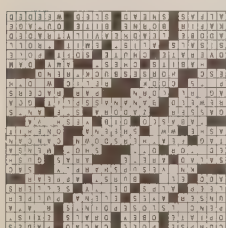
Neighborhood Parents Network and Black Oak Books presents Ayelet Avneri's new book "The Book of David" on Sunday, July 15, 2-4 p.m. at the Berkeley Public Library, 1441 Shattuck Ave. The book is a collection of stories about the Holocaust. For more information, call 843-2527.

The Reading Edge is a series of reading sessions for children and adults. The sessions are held on Sunday, July 15, 2-4 p.m. at the Berkeley Public Library, 1441 Shattuck Ave. The sessions are designed to help children and adults develop their reading skills. For more information, call 843-2527.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae community church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your photos and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly fees are \$10.

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American Veterans Chapter
Meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no-hostess dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Center, 1931 Dwight Way. Price: \$3. Women who have served in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRiti, 525-2547 or 547-1969.

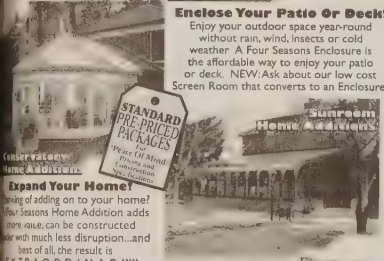
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p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 669-2547 for details.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Call 526-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health Building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 645-7750.

Higher Alignment, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays: fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 1 to 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (aka Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS, 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannard St. at Marin; 233-2848 or Karen, 525-6858.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music
The Jazzschool, 2375 Shattuck Ave., presents vocalist Lily Tung at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, July 29. Advanced Jazz Workshop Ensemble performs at 5:30 p.m. Admission \$5. For reservations or more information, call 845-5373.

Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse, 1111 Addison St., presents the Junius Courtney Big Band at 8 p.m. Friday, July 20. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16.50 at the door, \$15.50 in advance, with a one dollar discount for seniors. For more information, call 548-1761.

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Friday Night Folk Dancing, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumanian, Bulgarian, Israeli, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

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Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribe Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support
A Free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Berkeley Fibromyalgia Support Group presents Dr. Kathryn Williams from noon to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Williams is the former chairman for Department of Rehabilitation, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. Her topic is "Current Understanding of Fibromyalgia." The event is free. For more information, call D.L. Malousky, 601-0550. For directions only,

call Barbara Ridley at 204-4503.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Althea Pecca at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming - especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, First floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

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support group classes for parents and their families and children. The first Tuesday of the month from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Center, 3001 Dwight Way, of the Contra Costa Medical Center. Admission charge and additional transportation is not necessary. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Comprehensive Cancer Center offers support group for friends and family. The support group for cancer. The support group is offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 4-5 p.m. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alameda Foundation of Northern California will accept applications for the **Walter P. Reuther Program** curriculum at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The

group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs volunteers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorez, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503

Lecture/Workshop

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and chil-

ren's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237

Tai Chi Chuan and Chikung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation \$65. To sign up call 268-4995

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370

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"What is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Book sellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragati Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information

Emotions Anonymous Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location

Religion

John F. Kennedy University Graduate School for Holistic Studies presents the exhibition "A Turbulent Radiance," by artist Louise Pryor, July 17 through 26. Prior uses cloth, conceptual work,

and paint to investigate history, identity and impermanence. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: Free. A reception is 4-7 p.m. Saturday, July 21. For more information, call 649-0499

Theater, Dance & Film

The Masquers Playhouse of Point Richmond, 105 Park Place, continues "The Diary of Anne Frank," 8 p.m. through July 21. The award-winning stage adaptation chronicles the real life experiences of a young Jewish girl who with her family and some Jewish neighbors went into hiding during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam. A Sunday matinee is 2:30 p.m. July 15. Tickets are \$12. For reservations or more information, call 232-4031

Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents three additional performances of "The Laramie Project," 7 p.m., Wednesday July 18, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22 at the Berkeley Rep's Roda Theater, 2015 Addison St. The Laramie Project is a moving

and provocative examination of a town coping with tragedy and notoriety in the wake of the Matthew Shepard murder. The production closes Sunday, July 22. Tickets are priced between \$10 and \$51. For more information call 647-2949

Speakeasy Theatre, 2016 7th St., presents Lyle Kessler's "Orphans" Friday July 13 through Sunday Aug. 5, no performance July 20. Times: 8 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Orphans tells the tale of a mysterious stranger who invades the home of two orphaned brothers and shatters their sheltered world of crime and self-deception. Tickets \$15 general. For ticket and reservations call 326-8493. For more information about the performance, call 415-831-2222

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. presents "West Side Story," continues through Aug. 11. Times: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets \$15, \$6

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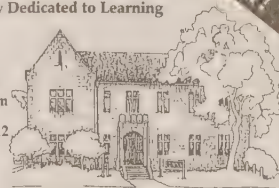
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Section D

Classic Classics '58 Chevy Impala, from the days of odd options [D2]



JEFF HAWLEY

My first car: What a cruiser

In 1979 I was a senior at University in Appleton, Wis. My parents gave me a car to use in my last two years. They never told me why they gave it to me. However, I suspected they gave it to me for job interviews since I had not shown any interest in wanting to go to grad school once I was finished with college. Let's talk about the car. It was a 1971 Plymouth Fury. When my parents gave it to me, I had no place to park it. This is a problem for college students—finding parking for the cars. I was ashamed to be driving. My college did not want us to have cars. They expected us to walk to the library when we were not attending classes. So first I found a place near the library to park this tan-colored car for \$20 a month. This being Wisconsin, we have a winter season in the Midwest. I was given the car in January and I went back to school with me. I had to take my toughest classes that year and that year was no exception. I subsequently forgot about the car and left it parked in subzero temperatures for six weeks. My dad warned me to take it out.

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CHRYSLER 300M includes safety features such as radio and cruise controls built into the steering wheel.

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The 300M has both hard-muscle and soft-luxury capabilities to be enjoyed depending upon the mood of the driver. It derives its muscle heritage from the 1950s when the Chrysler 300M was a hot performance car.

The 2001 model, however, combines performance capabilities with elegant luxury, and thoughtful touches found throughout the car. For example, the steering wheel is partially leather wrapped; the other part displays the refined gracefulness of California walnut wood. Seats are leather and the front

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

ones are power operated.

The headrest hugs your head and neck, a feature that would be helpful in reducing injury if the car were rear-ended. A compass displays the direction in a panel that also includes numerous other points of information.

My tester was loaded, bringing the bottom line to \$33,995. One of the optional features was an up-

scale sound system with 11 speakers to clearly reproduce music provided by the 300-watt amplifier. In addition to a cassette player, there was a four-speaker CD player, which helped make a long ride more enjoyable.

Another thoughtful feature of the 300M deals with safety and sound. I didn't have to take my hands off the wheel to change the radio stations or to skip to another CD recording. On the underside of the steering wheel are buttons to take care of such chores, while the buttons on the top side of the wheel

regulate the cruise control settings. This is a car that is loaded with thoughtful features for your comfort and safety. It seems the Daimler-Chrysler people have covered all bases with such things as an automatic dimmer on the rearview and sideview mirrors, foglamps, and much more. Other options: a power moonroof and a cold weather package that will keep the block and battery warm.

Safety is included in the equation with such features as four-wheel

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Flaws on 1958 Chevrolet Impala required 'little' work

Just because Chris Lapp is a director of nuclear energy and environmental analysis, it doesn't mean everything in his life has to be nuclear-powered. Early in 1999, Lapp, an admitted old car aficionado, began looking for a 1958 Chevrolet Impala in decent condition.

The idea of resurrecting a basket case held no appeal for him. After searching for almost a year, Lapp discovered that elusive first-year Impala. "The Impala was rescued and restored in Arkansas from a solid Southern car," Lapp says.

It was a fully-restored Rio red sport coupe with the distinctive rooftop faux vent above the rear window.

In addition, under the hood, the Chevrolet had the original 348-cubic-inch, 315-horsepower V-8 engine capped with a trio of two-barrel carburetors.

Lapp bought the car in August 1999, sight unseen, and arranged to have it trucked to Virginia from Florida, where a broker had kept it after restoration in Arkansas.

"I decided to purchase a mostly restored Impala since I had experience at restoring other antique automobiles," Lapp explains.

"The car was delivered to me from Florida at a marina, where I was bringing in my boat for service work. I saw a bright tomato soup red '58 Impala backing out of a covered trailer."

"While driving the car home during rush hour traffic, I noticed it was

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overheating. Apparently, the previous owner used a four-blade fan suitable for a small-block engine instead of the five-blade fan required for the big-block engine. That was an easy fix," explains Lapp.

Although cosmetically the 1958 Impala was nearly perfect, the technical aspects of the mechanics needed some work. A stickler for details (nurtured in his work with the nuclear industry), Lapp set to work giving attention to the following: intake manifold, valve covers, carburetor, drivetrain, suspension, repainting, exhaust, cooling, brakes, wiring and tires.

The Impala is loaded with authentic accessories, including dual radio antennas — the left antenna strictly for show — on the rear fender. Another extra-cost option is the set of three-prong fake knock-off wheel covers. Dummy spotlights were a favorite accessory when this car was new; remarkably, this car features the real deal — and not just one, but a matched pair.

A rare accessory on any 1958 Impala is the faux exhaust port mounted on the rear fender behind the rear wheel well. Why anyone wanted to give the illusion that the exhaust was exiting through the side of the rear fender is an explanation lost in the shroud of time.



OUTRAGEOUS OPTIONS on this '58 Impala include dual radio antennas and spotlights and a faux exhaust port on the rear fender.

"The car is a lot of fun," Lapp says with a nod to the outrageous equipment, optional and otherwise. "What could be more practical than hanging a couple of hundred pounds of continental kit a couple of feet behind the original rear bumper?" It made sense to a lot of style-conscious motorists in the 1950s.

Lapp's Impala sports one of the many aftermarket continental kits, not a factory model.

Not only does the continental kit shift a lot of weight to the rear, it makes access to the trunk awkward and inhibits refueling since the gas cap is hidden behind the spare tire. Without the continental kit, the car weighs 3,459 pounds.

Even so, the optimistic speedometer tops out at 120 mph, and that is with a two-speed Powerglide transmission under the floorboards.

The shift pattern of the transmission mimics that of most mod-

ern cars — from the left: park, reverse, neutral, drive, low. While the driver is seated behind the two-tone steering wheel with a full horn ring, the Guide prism is prominent atop the faraway dashboard, easing the chore of looking for direction from overhead traffic lights.

Cruising the boulevards is more enjoyable with music from the AM push-button radio with a single rear seat speaker.

Lapp has driven his 43-year-old

Impala only about 1,500 miles, but it was delivered to him with the car had a base price which means each time he's driven has been a bargain.

If you have a interest to "Classics" write to Motor Magazine, 4635 Bailey Road, DE 19709, about 1958 Impala.

Keane

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independent suspension, traction control, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, and the Next Generation frontal airbags.

The body style features cab-forward design, which provides a spacious interior. The extra legroom is quite noticeable in the rear seat, yet despite the large interior, the trunk has not suffered for space.

Plenty of cargo-carrying space is available plus a cargo net to hold grocery bags in place.

But it is the other end of the car that contains the magic.

Under the hood is a 3.5-liter High Output V-6 engine

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SPECIFICATIONS

2001 Chrysler 300M

VEHICLE TYPE	5-passenger, 4-door FWD large sedan
BASE PRICE	\$29,640 (as tested: \$33,995)
ENGINE TYPE	V-6 high output SOHC 24-valve w/SMPI
DISPLACEMENT	3.5-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)	253 at 6400 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)	255 at 3950 rpm
TRANSMISSION	4-speed automatic w/AutoStick
WHEELBASE	113 in. 2870 mm
TREAD (front/rear)	62 / 62 in. 1573 / 1565 mm
OVERALL LENGTH	198 in. 5023 mm
OVERALL WIDTH	74 in. 1890 mm
HEIGHT	56 in. 1422 mm
TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)	37 ft. 11.5 m
CURB WEIGHT	3,585 lbs. 1618 kg
FUEL CAPACITY	17 gals. 64 L
EPA MILEAGE RATING	18 city, 26 highway
STRONG FEATURES	Power, interior roominess
WEAK FEATURE	Nothing worth mentioning

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periodically for a spin to "clean out the pipes" and dust off the snow but I had not done that.

So when I approached "the power and the glory"—my name for this would be police cruiser—it was covered in snow and was cold as heck.

I felt bad for neglecting it. But once I turned the ignition key

to take it for a Sunday spin—presto—it started on the first try. This Fury had won my heart.

My next great experience with this vehicular wonder was the all important road trip.

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Tacoma S-Runner built to induce street-rod fever

TIM SPELL
Truck Talk

Toyota launches off the 2001 Tacoma S-Runner with another "Run-ner" in the line. This one is a bit different from the "4" and "pre" siblings. The S-Runner is a two-door, two-wheel-drive pickup with a sporty, aggressive look. It's a two-door, two-wheel-drive pickup with a sporty, aggressive look. It's a two-door, two-wheel-drive pickup with a sporty, aggressive look.

kit. This \$1,599 dealer-installed option includes aggressive-shaped front lower valance and side rocker panels. Already dropped an inch lower than other 2WD Tacomas, the TRD-enhanced S-Runner injects a stronger dose of street-rod potion. Contributing to its show-and-go presence are 16-by-6.5-inch, five-spoke, aluminum-alloy wheels wrapped by P235/55R-16 Bridgestone Potenza tires.

A more delicate contrast to the tester's black skin is optional thin, silver pinstriping encircling the upper body. Another flash of brightness comes with a chrome-tipped exhaust peeking beneath the valance.

S-Runner's tuned exhaust unleashes a pleasing growl — especially when the standard 3.4-liter V-6 gets extra coaxing from a heavy foot. This gutsy six churns out 190 horsepower at 4,800 rpm and 220 foot-pounds of torque at 3,600 rpm. Paired with a five-speed manual shifter, the V-6 wastes no time convincing a driver it has zip. The launch is confident, and second-gear boost can be signaled by a squeal of rubber. Estimated 0-60-mph acceleration is 7.2 seconds.

Adding handling balance to this power is a sports-tuned suspension with front and rear stabilizer bars, increased-rate springs and Tokico gas shocks. This suspension creates a firmer ride and reduces body roll. Coupled with tighter, more responsive steering, S-Runner deals with tight turns more efficiently than a standard Tacoma.

A downside to the taut suspension and low-profile tires is a sacrifice in ride quality. Cruising along smooth pavement, all is good. It's when dips and bumps are encountered that passengers get a mild taste of what pioneers endured in their wooden-wheeled wagons.

Front buckets provide good insulation from road vibes and have aggressive side bolsters to help keep occupants more firmly planted in their seats during aggressive driving. Front-folding (vs. common side-folding) rear seat-backs work well for small bodies and easily fold back to clear a loading surface for groceries, luggage or pets. A passenger-side, fold-out table with cupholders is another nice rear-compartment touch.

A 17-year-old observer said he likes the interior because it's straightforward, "like a truck should be." He thinks the tall shifter with leather-covered knob, simple dashboard layout with white-face analog gauges, and leather-wrapped tilt steering wheel offer a just-right image.

A \$2,000 interior sport package, automatically tacked to the base price, pushes S-Runner amenities above flat and functional with air conditioning; power windows and door locks; sliding rear window with

privacy glass; digital clock; and six-speaker, AM/FM/cassette/CD stereo sound system. The center floor console is a practical setup, featuring dual fixed cupholders and double storage. A large console/armrest flips back, exposing a "cubby" carved into the surface below.

Front-seat passengers benefit from height-adjustable safety belts

with pretensioners and force limiters that control body action for optimum crash protection. Dual frontal airbags are standard, and a passenger-side on/off switch allows deactivation when a child seat is on board. The S-Runner tester accomplishes the mission of offering both crisp performance and custom-

pickup looks for a low \$19,900 drive-away price. The only change I would make is opting for the StepSide bed — a critical element needed to induce a strong case of street-rod fever.

Tim Spell is the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section automotive writer.



TOYOTA'S TACOMA S-RUNNER features a grinning front grill, chrome-tipped exhaust and monochrome paint schemes.

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CRASH-TEST SCORES

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If you're at an attraction, amusement park on sightseeing spot, tell your kids they should go if they get lost. This vacation advice is offered by the American Automobile Association, along with this mandate: Keep the whole family together as much as possible. AAA also recommends holding hands when walking through crowds and using a safety "leash" for toddlers. Go with little kids to bathroom needs.

Remind the family members after each ride, repeat the warning not to talk to strangers and give whistles to your kids in case they become lost.

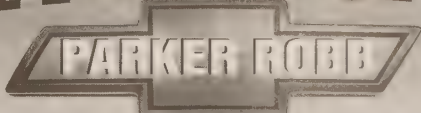
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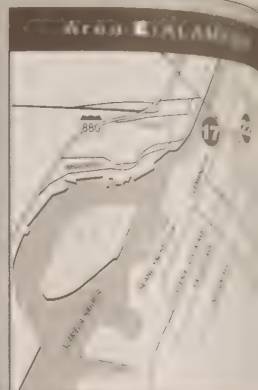
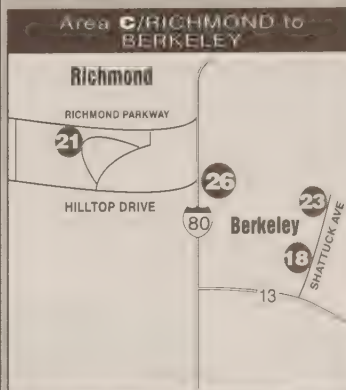
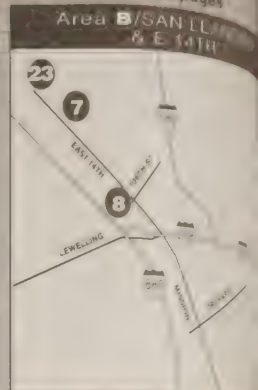
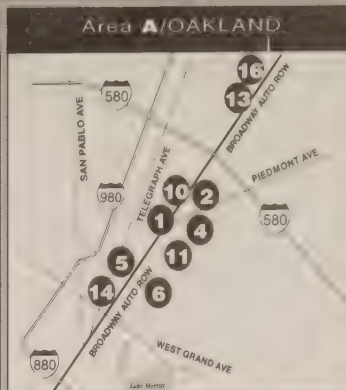
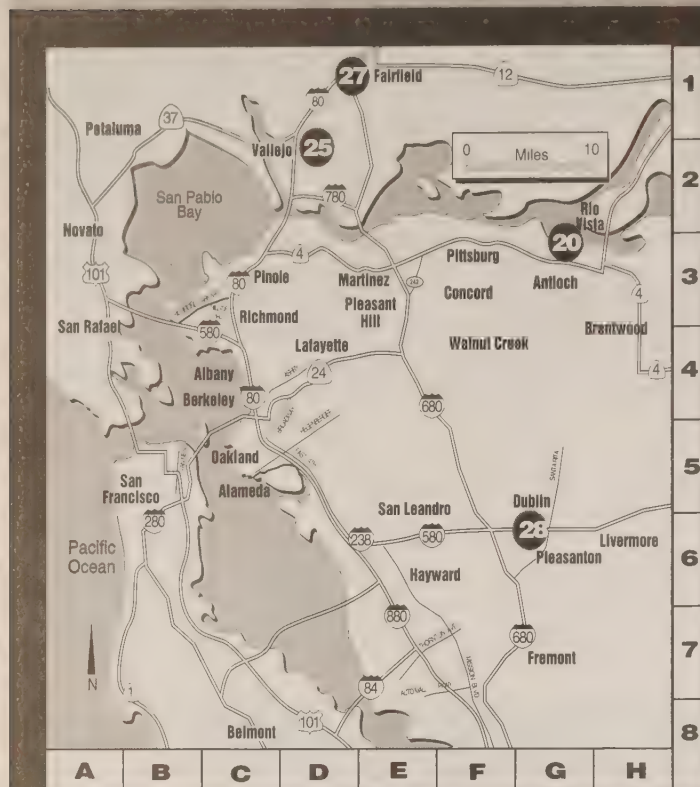
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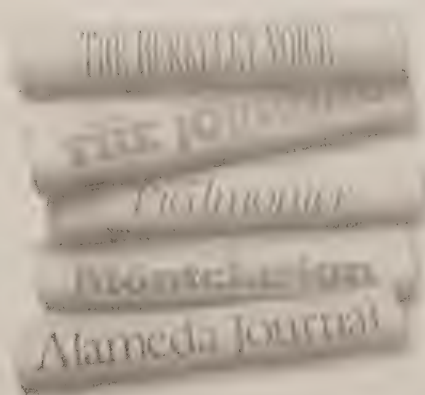
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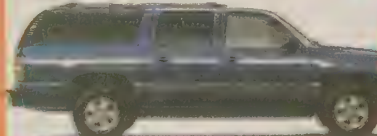
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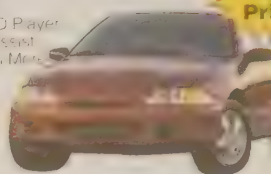
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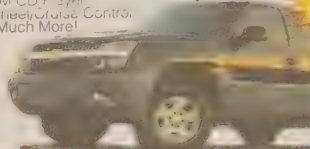
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1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/2 teaspoon grinds of black pepper
1/2 cup of sugar
1/2 cup light olive oil
1/2 cup basil
1/2 cup oil and reduced balsamic
vinegar for garnish (optional)
1/2 cup basil sorbet (see cook's
note)

Wash tomatoes and dry on
paper towels.
Prepare vinaigrette by whisk-
ing lemon zest, lemon juice, sea
salt, black pepper, sugar and olive
oil in a small bowl to blend. Taste
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A banana split can be much more than just a banana split

BY CAROL J.G. WARD

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Decadent and delightful. Messy, rich and sweet. These are the things you want a banana split to be.

"It makes me hungry just thinking about it," said Kelly Yeagley, a dietitian with the Southeast Dairy Association.

But a banana split doesn't have to be just a banana, some ice cream and a few toppings.

Deliciously different dishes will give you a whole new perspective on the decadent dessert.

We've listed recipes for variations on the theme sans ice cream. Banana split for breakfast? Why not?

A Banana Split Breakfast Parfait or a Banana Split Smoothie combine traditional sundae flavors for a healthy way to start your day.

Serve a taste of the tropics at your next pool party or summer cookout with a banana split cocktail, using one or both of the versions listed.

If you're tired of the same old boring brownies or banana bread, add some fun and flavor by transforming them into banana split versions.

Stir pineapple, mini chocolate chips and chopped cherries into banana bread batter, or top brownies with cream cheese, pineapple, bananas and strawberries.

Even the traditional banana split is not so traditional anymore.

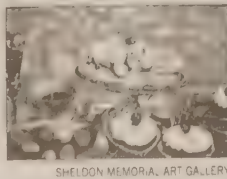
With all the ice cream flavors available today from decadent to exotic, "It's unusual to find the traditional strawberry, chocolate, vanilla combination," said Victor Zaborsky, a spokesman for the International Ice Cream Association.

Caramel is a perfect partner for bananas.

Even traditionalists find it difficult to stick to these three flavors, said Monica Parrish, a manager at Plum's Market Basket in Blythe-wood, S.C.

"We have 24 flavors of ice cream. Certain customers come in who plan to stick with the regular, but when they get in here, they say, 'Wait a minute, I think I'll have that and that and that,'" Parrish said.

While vanilla and chocolate are still tops when it comes to America's favorite individual flavors, for the past two years, caramel ice cream has been one of the fastest growing flavors, Zaborsky said.



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And caramel is a perfect partner for bananas, he said.

Among the most popular fruit flavors are cherry, orange, peach, raspberry and strawberry.

Or try a berry split with blueberry, strawberry and vanilla ice cream, Yeagley said.

Don't stop with the ice cream; dress up the banana base as well

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Ice cream

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prepare a day ahead and store in refrigerator overnight. Bring to room temperature before using.

Remove four perfect basil leaves from the bunch and reserve for garnish.

Thinly slice enough of the remaining leaves to make about 1 tablespoon. Set aside.

In small saucepan, fry whole leaves in 1 inch of hot cooking oil, just until crisp.

Remove with slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.

Just before serving salads, slice tomatoes according to their size and shape, and toss lightly with vinaigrette and sliced basil just to coat.

Arrange tomatoes attractively, dividing them among four plates. If desired, drizzle basil oil and balsamic syrup around tomatoes for garnish.

Top with lemon basil sorbet and fried basil leaf. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's note: To prepare lemon basil sorbet, soften store-bought lemon sorbet at room temperature for a few minutes.

Using either an electric mixer or rubber scraper, stir in finely julienned basil leaves to taste.

Return to freezer until ready to serve.

■ Simmelink adapted the next recipe using a belgian recipe from "The Wooden Spoon Bread Book" by Marilyn M. Moore (Atlantic Monthly Press, 1991, \$15).

Blueberry Beignets with

Lemon Ice Cream

1 1/2 teaspoons (or part of 1 packet) active dry yeast

1/4 cup warm water

2 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

3/4 cup sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup boiling water

1 egg

1 cup evaporated milk

3/4 to 3/8 cups flour (divided)

Egg wash

1 1/4 cups blueberry jam

Lemon ice cream

Soften yeast in small container by combining warm water and yeast. Allow yeast to proof (foam up). Stir together butter, sugar, salt and boiling water to dissolve butter and sugar. If butter does not dissolve completely, don't worry. Allow butter mixture to cool down to warm.

In this order, stir in egg, softened yeast mixture, evaporated milk and 2 cups of the flour. Beat well.

Prepare soft dough by gradually adding remaining 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cups flour.

Toss dough on floured surface until no longer sticky. Knead very lightly. Try not to incorporate additional flour, so the dough stays soft. Place in greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover with waxed paper, then a china plate. Refrigerate dough 8 to 12 hours.

Divide dough in half — it's easier to work with one half at a time. Roll chilled dough on lightly floured surface to slightly less than 1/4-inch thickness. Beignets will puff quite a bit when cooking, so

don't roll any thicker.

Cut into 2 1/2-inch squares, moisten edges with egg wash and spoon about 2 teaspoons blueberry jam into center of each square, folding edge over to form a rectangle, and sealing edge. Lay squares on waxed paper and cover with towel to prevent drying out. Let rest 10 minutes.

In deep-fryer, heat oil to 375 degrees. Fry dough in hot oil until puffy and brown.

Turn beignets several times. If you wait too long to turn them the first time, they will become lopsided, making it impossible to cook the second side.

Drain on paper towels. Serve with raspberry coulis, a dollop of lemon ice cream, fresh berries and sprig of mint. Makes about 30 beignets.

■ This recipe from Starbucks features Java Chip — a coffee ice cream with chocolate chunks.

Java Chip Pie

1 quart Starbucks Java Chip or other chocolate-coffee flavored ice cream

1 prepared graham cracker crust

1 ounce (1 square) dark chocolate

Whipped cream

Let ice cream soften slightly until it reaches a spreadable consistency. Carefully scoop ice cream

into piecrust and use spatula to smooth top of pie. Add layer of whipped cream. Using vegetable peeler, shave side of dark chocolate square to create shavings. Sprinkle shavings on top. Freeze at least 1 hour prior to serving. Makes 8 servings.

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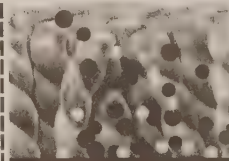
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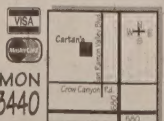
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Spice it up: Lemon verbena

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Lemon verbena has an overpowering lemon flavor, true to its name.

So a light touch is a good thing when using this herb in cooking. Lemon verbena is available dried and sometimes fresh in specialty produce markets.

Chopped finely, the leaves provide lemon flavoring to fruit salads, stuffings, fruit drinks and teas, plus a few sweet dishes.

Here's a recipe starring lemon verbena from Lake Geneva, Wis., herb expert Rosemary Divock.

Lemon Verbena Sweet Biscuits

1 (6-inch) sprig lemon verbena
¼ cup sugar
2 cups flour
Grated zest of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup (1 stick) cold, unsalted but-

ter, grated
1 egg, beaten
¼ to ½ cup half-and-half cream
Melted butter
Sugar to taste

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Mince lemon verbena with sugar in food processor. Combine sugar mixture, flour, lemon zest, baking powder and salt in large bowl; mix well. Stir in grated butter until crumbly. Add egg and enough half-and-half to create dough; mix well. Turn out onto lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth. Roll out to ½-inch thickness. Cut with floured biscuit cutter or cookie cutter. Place on baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Brush hot biscuits lightly with melted butter; sprinkle with sugar. Makes 12 biscuits.

Banana

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Give splits a new appeal by adding bases such as waffles or pound cake or creating variations such as a grilled banana split.

To grill bananas, preheat the grill to medium-high heat. In a 9- by 13-inch baking dish, combine ½ cup melted butter and ½ cup packed light brown sugar; mix well. Place six bananas cut in half lengthwise in the butter mixture and brush to coat completely.

Place on the grill flat side down and cook for 4-6 minutes, or until the edges begin to bubble; and

cook for 2-3 more minutes, or until lightly browned. Place banana slices in each serving dish, and top with your favorite ice cream.

Finally, you've got to add toppings. "Obviously, the base should be ice cream and a banana, but the selection of toppings is as limited as your imagination," Yeagley said.

Try fruit, nuts, chocolate chips, whipped cream and sprinkles from crushed cookies to mini marshmallows.

"It's a great way to get some fruit servings in. Add bananas, strawberries and pineapple," said Yeagley, the dietitian.

Of course, no banana split is complete without a cherry on top.

MORE LEMON VERBENA RECIPES

Lemon Verbena Eggplant Slices

Serves 4

8 tablespoon butter
4 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped
1 tsp. garlic, crushed
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper
2 tablespoon lemon verbena, finely chopped
1 lb. eggplants, thickly sliced width-wise
1 cup cherry tomatoes

Melt butter in a pan. Add eggplant slices and fry for 5 minutes on each side until soft and brown. Drain on paper towels.

Repeat with all slices. Add cherry tomatoes and cook for 3 minutes stirring gently until tender. Remove and set aside.

Fry parsley, garlic, salt, black pepper and lemon verbena for 3 minutes until parsley has turned dark green. Add eggplant slices and tomatoes. Reheat for 3 minutes.

Serve hot with crusty bread and a potato salad for a complete meal.

Lemon Verbena Madeleine

Recipe from Gourmet Magazine

2 cups unsifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
5 large eggs
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
Lemon verbena syrup (recipe follows)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. with rack positioned in the center of the oven. In a bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and set aside.

In a mixing bowl with an electric mixer fitted with a paddle (if available), beat butter until soft and fluffy. Gradually add sugar and beat until very light and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla. Gradually stir in the flour

mixture and blend well. Turn the batter into Madeleine pans that have been spread with a generous amount of softened butter and dusted with flour.

Use a spatula to scrape the batter into the pans and level off completely. Clean the edges of the pan with a paper towel. Bake in oven for about 10 to 15 minutes or until cake has risen and is golden on top, and a tester inserted in the center comes out clean.

Then slide a knife around the sides to loosen. Tip out onto rack right side up.

Use a thin skewer to prick a hole in the top of each cake. Pour 1 tea-

spoon of the warm syrup over each madeleine and allow it to cool for 10 minutes.

Lemon Verbena Syrup

½ cup lemon juice
½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon minced fresh lemon verbena or lemon thyme

Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to a boil until sugar dissolves.

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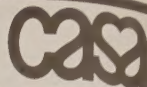
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